



Let No One Despise

1 Timothy 4:12-16



# Paul and Timothy

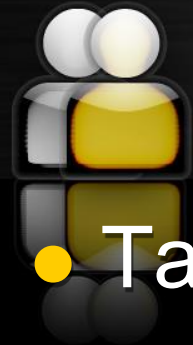


# Greco-Roman beliefs

- **Infancy**: lack of teeth = inability to communicate
- **Childhood**: ability to speak but needing control;
- **Youth**: wild behaviour and excessive spending;
- **Adulthood**: Strive for consistency in behaviour, wealth and friendship;
- **Old age**: mental and physical degeneration; capable only of criticizing those younger than himself.



- *How many of you think that there is a general sense in our society that the older generation looks down upon the younger generation?*
- *How many of you think that such a phenomenon exists in the church?*



# Adults: what you can do

- Take time to get to know the youths;
- Do not fear!
- Open your hearts to them.
- Build trust
- Invite them on a journey of spiritual friendship.
- Show them how to live out the faith.
- In time, allow youths to participate and even lead in ministry.



Youths: Be good examples of the Gospel

- **Be Christ-like in our speech and conduct**
- **Be Christ-like in love**
- **Be Christ-like in faith**
- **Be Christ-like in purity**