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**Keep Shoveling – I Timothy 4:9-16**

**1. In ministry you must have a good work ethic.**

“This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it. This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers.” ~ I Timothy 4:9-10

All the so-called “secrets of success” will not work unless you do. ~ Author Unknown

The difference between try and triumph is a little umph. ~ Author Unknown

**2. Jesus is ALIVE! (This is most important.)**

“for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers.” ~ I Timothy 4:10b

**3. Teach, learn, and be an example even if you’re young. Read the Scriptures, and encourage other believers.**

“Teach these things and insist that everyone learn them. Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them.” ~ I Tim. 4:11-13

~ Scriptures showing God using young people: Genesis 37, I Samuel 17:32-51, I Kings 3:5-14, 2 Chronicles 34:1-2, Jeremiah 1:4-8, Daniel 1:18-21, Luke 1:26-33, Luke 2:41-52, Acts 16:1-3,

**4. Don’t be careless with the oversight of the church.**

“Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hand on you. Give your complete attention to these matters. Throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone will see your progress.” ~ I Timothy 4:14-15

**5. Stay true to what is right.**

“Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.” ~ I Timothy 4:16

Peace if possible, truth at all costs. ~ Martin Luther

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**More Notes**

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