**1 Timothy 4**

It’s What You Do—Not When You Do It

* *Ted Williams, at age 42, slammed a home run in his last official time at bat.*
* *Mickey Mantle, age 20, hit 23 home runs his first full year in the major leagues.*
* *Golda Meir was 71 when she became Prime Minister of Israel.*
* *William Pitt II was 24 when he became Prime minister of Great Britain.*
* *George Bernard Shaw was 94 when one of his plays was first produced.*
* *Mozart was just seven when his first composition was published.*
* *Now how about this? Benjamin Franklin was a newspaper columnist at 16 and a framer of the United States Constitution when he was 81. You’re never too young or too old if you’ve got talent.*

*Let’s recognize that age has little to do with ability. [God can use anyone!]*

* Charles Swindoll

***This week we will learn more about what it takes (and doesn’t take) to be an effective servant of God.***

**Read 1 Timothy 4**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What does Paul say will happen in later times? What essentially is Paul describing?
2. In what ways does Paul encourage Timothy to be a good minister/servant of Jesus? (vv. 6-8) Why does he say this is important (for both him and others)?
3. In verses 11-16, what does Paul encourage Timothy to do and how is Timothy to accomplish this?
4. How might Paul’s instructions play out in our own lives? How are we to conduct ourselves and why must we conduct ourselves in these ways?
5. In what ways is 1 Timothy 4 relevant for our church community today?