

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12



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*\*The pursuit of these goals will be required for all young people desiring to serve at Shiloh Bible Camp.*

*Participants must be in at least 6th grade and at least 12 yrs. old by July of the year they serve at Shiloh Bible Camp.*

# The Timothy Charge

“It’s more than a program, it’s a way of life!”

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### Purpose:

*“To grow, to serve, to reach, to lead”*

*The Timothy Charge is intended to:*

- 1. Guide young people into an alive and active growing relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- 2. Train them up for service and leadership in their local church, at Shiloh Bible Camp, and future opportunities.*
- 3. Train & encourage them in evangelizing their friends & peers.*

### Goals\*:

*“To move towards growing, serving, reaching & leading”*

- 1. For each student to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ by way of reading the Bible, memorizing Scripture & praying on a regular basis.** A regular, consistent written Bible & Prayer log is expected. (1 Timothy 4:7-8; 2 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 4:14-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- 2. For each student to be committed to regularly attending their local church.** Sermon notes will be expected to show they are listening and learning. (Hebrews 10:25; 1 Timothy 4: 7-8, 12-13)
- 3. For each student to become involved in service and leadership through their local church and at Shiloh.** Depending on their maturity, either a weekly service or serving at special events a few times throughout the year will be expected. (1 Timothy 4:12, 14a; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-7)
- 4. For each student to diligently learn more about the Bible by participating in a sound, instructive Bible class** provided by either their local church or one offered by AMF. Regular, consistent attendance and completion of lessons is expected. (2 Timothy 2:15; Ephesians 4:14-15)
- 5. For students to become actively involved in evangelizing their friends and peers.** Participation in Outreach Events provided by the local church and/or AMF & Shiloh Bible Camp is encouraged. (2 Timothy 4:1-5; Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20)

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## Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What do you mean when you talk about a Bible Journal & Prayer Log?

- ◆ First of all, *based on your own Spiritual maturity, you choose a time commitment which is both reachable and challenging to you!* For example, you might say, I’m going to spend 15 minutes a day reading my Bible and praying, for 4 days each week. Or 10 minutes a day, 3 days a week, or 20 minutes a day 6 days a week, etc., etc.
- ◆ Secondly, we are not looking for long, detailed notes. We simply want to see that you are indeed doing what you claim. Notes also help one to understand better what they are reading. Writing something down often helps bring clarity. *Brief, main points and thoughts are all that is expected. For best results, use the form provided with this packet.*

2. Do I really have to take sermon notes?

- ◆ Yes. However, again, we are not looking for long, detailed notes. We simply want to see that you are indeed attending on a regular basis and striving to pay attention and listen. Notes will help you better understand what you are hearing and help to bring clarity. *Brief main points, scriptures, and thoughts are all that is expected. For best results, use the form provided with this packet.*

3. What do you mean when you talk about a Bible Class?

- ◆ People often try to make this more complicated than it is. We don’t expect you to go down to your local Christian college and enroll in their Bible program. We simply want you to be involved in a more hands on, discussion oriented Bible class where you are doing more than just listening to a preacher. One where you actually participate in the study of God’s Word. *AMF/Shiloh will provide classes in various areas. Choose one of those Discipleship classes to attend, unless you are given approval for an acceptable substitute class. For best results, use the form provided with this packet.*

4. What do you mean when you talk about a Christian Service?

- ◆ Again, people often try to make this more complicated than it is. First of all, your personal maturity and natural talents will greatly determine what kind of a service you participate in. They will also help determine whether you serve on a weekly basis or only a few times throughout the year. The Christian Service you choose could be a variety of different things. *Such as: Helping with AWANA, helping in the nursery, helping run the sound system, helping clean the church, helping with a Sunday School class, serving at your local homeless shelter or nursing home, participating in a youth group service project, singing or playing a musical instrument in church, helping set up and tear down, helping in your youth group, etc., etc. For best results, use the form provided with this packet.*

5. What do you mean when you say you want me to become actively involved in evangelizing my friends & peers?

- ◆ Again, don’t make this more complicated than it is. *This could be as simple as inviting a friend to camp or youth group. Or, talking to your friends about God and what He means to you. Basically, we want you to learn how to share the Gospel while you live your every-day life.*

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## Commitment Form

“To grow, to serve, to reach, to lead”

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The Timothy Charge is all about *growing, serving, reaching and leading*. We desire that each young person involved grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. We must realize that this takes *time and commitment*. Think about how much time and excitement one puts into a dating relationship (hours on the phone, time spent together, etc.). Consider what it would be like if you were dating someone but rarely spent any time with them or time listening and talking with them, and you rarely showed your commitment to working on the relationship. Would that relationship last or be fruitful? The obvious answer is no. The same applies to our relationship with Jesus. We must spend time with Him and time listening and talking to Him, and be committed to growing in our relationship with Him. When this growth starts maturing, the natural progression is to get involved in service and evangelism. These are what God calls all Christians, young or old to do (Romans ch. 12-15; 1 Corinthians 9:23-27; 12:7; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Timothy 4:1-5).

This commitment form is designed to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and from that to begin to fulfill the calling to serve and evangelize that He has given to each of His followers. We firmly believe that the best way for a commitment to be successful is through accountability. Therefore, we have made accountability a big part of the Timothy Charge. *Please consider these commitments seriously, and don’t sign the form unless you are serious before God to do what you have said.*

**1. I commit to read God’s Word, memorize scripture, and talk to the Lord in prayer on a regular, consistent basis.**

- ◆ I will keep a written Bible journal and prayer log which I will be held accountable for by my Timothy Charge Advisor.
- ◆ Based on my spiritual maturity, I will choose a time (15 min. a day, 5 days a week; 10 min. a day, 4 days a week; 20 min. a day, 6 days a week, etc.) which is both reachable and challenging to me (Be sure not to over-commit or under-commit).

**2. I commit to attend my home church on a regular, consistent basis.**

- ◆ I will take notes of the sermons to show that I am genuinely listening and trying to learn.
- ◆ My Timothy Charge Advisor will regularly look over my notes to see that they are genuine and to help answer any questions I may have.

**3. I commit to find a way to become involved in Christian service through my local church.**

- ◆ My Timothy Charge Advisor will help me decide if I am ready for a weekly service or if I should help with a few special service events throughout the year, or both.
- ◆ My advisor will also help evaluate how I am doing in my Christian Service.

**4. I commit to actively and diligently participate in a sound, instructive Bible class.**

- ◆ I will enroll in one of the Discipleship classes provided by AMF/Shiloh, or find an approved substitute class.
- ◆ My Timothy Charge Advisor or my class instructor will help hold me accountable to coming on a regular, consistent basis and see that I am completing the studies and lessons given.
- ◆ If I must miss a class, I will see my Advisor or Instructor and find out what I missed and complete any missed studies or lessons.

**5. I commit to strive to become actively involved in reaching my friends and peers for Jesus Christ.**

- ◆ I will find a way to help with and participate in outreach events put on by my local church and/or American Missionary Fellowship and Shiloh Bible Camp.
- ◆ I will strive to learn how and become a witness to my friends and peers on a personal, relational basis.

Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Timothy Charge Advisor’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# *The Timothy Charge*

## *Advisor's Responsibilities*

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**What is a Timothy Charge Advisor?** The Timothy Charge Advisor is a responsible and Spiritually mature adult from within each individual church who will help us coordinate the Timothy Charge in their area and/or church and serve as a mentor to the students involved. This person should be approved and recommended by the church Pastor and/or the Church Board.

### **What are the Timothy Charge Advisor's Responsibilities?**

1. To know, understand and agree with the purpose and goals of the Timothy Charge, and to be committed to seeing them accomplished in the lives of student's in their church and local area.
2. To be willing and committed to invest the time and energy it will take to successfully coordinate this charge and to be a part of these student's lives in a mentoring role.
3. To fulfill the goals of the program themselves (one cannot expect to lead kids in this way if they are not doing it themselves).
4. To hold the participating students in their area accountable to accomplishing the goals of the Timothy Charge. This includes:
  - ◆ Consistently checking over and holding them accountable to their Bible Journal & Prayer Logs.
  - ◆ Consistently checking over and holding them accountable to their memory verses.
  - ◆ Consistently checking over and holding them accountable to their sermon notes and helping to answer any questions they may have.
  - ◆ To encourage and support them in their Christian Service responsibilities. This includes helping them to know if they should be involved in a weekly service or at various service events throughout the year, and then helping them to choose a service. It also includes consistently checking to see how they are doing with their service.
  - ◆ To help them find a sound, instructive Bible class, and hold them accountable to attending, participating and completing their lessons.
  - ◆ To encourage them in evangelizing their friends and peers by encouraging them to be involved in outreach events, and helping them learn how to witness on a personal, relational basis.
5. To communicate with the local AMF Area Missionary concerning any of these student's who are desiring to serve at Shiloh Bible Camp.
6. To faithfully uphold the participating students in prayer.

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## *Helps*

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The following pages are intended to serve as helps for those involved in the Timothy Charge. Although we highly recommend it, we do not require that you use our helps sheets. Each individual church and/or Timothy Charge Advisor may decide if they like our helps sheets, or would rather use something of their own choosing. However, for those desiring to serve at Shiloh Bible Camp, the basic goals and requirements must be met through whatever format is chosen.

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## Bible Journal & Prayer Log

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*\*\*We suggest you make several copies of this sheet and use them to make your own journal.*

**My Personal Goal:** \_\_\_\_\_ minutes a day, \_\_\_\_\_ days a week.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Bible:*

Passage Read: \_\_\_\_\_

Key Points & Verses	Personal Application

*Prayer:*

*\*Don't forget to thank God for answers to past requests!*

Praises	Requests



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## *Sermon Notes*

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Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Church & Pastor or Guest Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture Passage/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Points Given, meaningful quotes, key scriptures, meaningful illustrations, etc.:

Main emphasis or central point of Sermon: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Personal Application:

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## Christian Service Evaluation

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*\*Please make copies and fill out one evaluation for each different Christian Service.*

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of the Christian Service Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

The Supervisor should evaluate the student on the following:

Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Cooperation: \_\_\_\_\_

Trustworthiness & Completion of Given Tasks: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Enthusiasm & Attitude: \_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual Maturity & Leadership Shown: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Willingness to Learn & Grow/ Were they Teachable?: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What recent growth have you observed in their life? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any weaknesses or areas they need to work on? (please be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Bible Class Report*

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Name of Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church where provided and Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Topics and/or Scripture Passages Studied Over The Course of the Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you make this class a priority in your life and schedule and make every effort to regularly and consistently attend every class you could? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you consistently complete any lessons or assignments given? \_\_\_\_\_

If and when you did have to miss a class, did you then see your teacher to find out what you missed and complete any missed lessons? \_\_\_\_\_

How has this class impacted you Spiritually? \_\_\_\_\_

What were the main things you learned over the course of this class? \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Timothy Retreat*

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Each year those participating in the Timothy Charge will be given the opportunity to participate in the Timothy Retreat at Shiloh Bible Camp. This will be a multi-purpose retreat intended to accomplish the following goals:

1. To bring together those from different areas who have been participating in this charge for fellowship and mutual encouragement.
2. To bring in a speaker who will further challenge these students in their relationship and walk with Jesus Christ.
3. *To provide an event just for them to give them an opportunity to have a fun and rewarding time as part of the reward for all their hard work ( we will work hard at this to try and make it a blast).*
4. To provide them with some unique and fun hands on training to help unite and prepare those who will be working together at Shiloh Bible Camp for the coming summer.
5. To give them the opportunity to take some ownership in Shiloh Bible Camp by giving them the chance to do some work around the camp to prepare it for the coming camping season.
6. To provide a "Parent's Night" where parents can come to camp and see where their student will be serving, meet the staff, ask questions, etc.

We are committed to making this event very low cost for those attending. We want this to be a reward for the students, not a burden! Further information will be given as the time (Spring) draws near.