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- Show them the **standard**. (12)
 - Let no one despise you because you are young...
 - But set an example for the believers...
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 - In conduct.
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 - In purity.
- **Saturate** them with Scripture. (13)
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 - Teach the Word... Explain the word so others will **understand** it.
- Serve them with your spiritual **strengths**. (14)
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- **Sell out** so they will see your sanctification. (15)
 - Devote yourself to the things of **God**.
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