



## The Good Servant of Christ Jesus

[1 Timothy 4:6-16]

**LIVE: Pursue Godliness** [1 Timothy 4:7-8]

**LOVE: Persist/Endure** [1 Timothy 4:15-16]

**LEAD: Set the Example** [1 Timothy 4:12]

**“What I saw was a significant disconnect between theology and practice, between what people believed and how they were operating. I believed the Bible, but I also observed many inconsistencies among Christians. This confronted me with the questions: How does the Bible answer questions relevant to life.”**

**- Tony Evans**

### Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Timothy 4:6: The word trained is better translated as nourished. How does that change your understanding of what Paul is saying?
2. What does it mean to train for Godliness (1 Timothy 4:7) How does that match up with your current approach to your walk with God. Would you say that you are “Making Every Possible Effort” to pursue godliness as instructed in 1 Timothy 4:10?
3. According to 1 Timothy 4:13, what is to be the foundation of our lives?
4. Why is it so important for followers of Christ to have continuity between what they believe and what they do. Between Theology and practice?

### **Acts 20:28-32 [Paul’s Farewell to the Church at Ephesus]**

28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

**1 Timothy 4:6-16** 6 If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. 7 Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; 8 for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. 9 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. 10 For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

11 Command and teach these things. 12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. 14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. 15 Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. 16 Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

**2 Timothy 4:1-5 [likely the last letter Paul ever wrote]** I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

**2 Timothy 3:14a** “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed