

FIGHT FOR GODINESS A STUDY OF 1 TIMOTHY



RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MINISTER 1 TIMOTHY 4:6-16



1 TIMOTHY 4:1-5 NIV

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. ² Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. ³ They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.⁴ For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵ because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

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The Value of Godliness Physical Training = Some Value Spiritual Training = Most Valuable

Physical Training

- Diet
- Training

- Natural Abilities/ Gifting

Spiritual Training - Diet - Training - Gifting



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The Value of Godliness Spiritual Training *Today* Sanctification

- *Eternity* Glorification

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1 TIMOTHY 4:10-11 NIV That is **why we labor and strive**, because we have **put our hope** in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe. ⁿ Command and teach these things.

The Value of Godliness

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TITUS 2:11-13 NIV

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope-the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ...

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MATTHEW 5:45b NIV

"...He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

1 JOHN 2:2 NIV He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12 NIV

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

Examples of Godliness

- Outward:
- Speech
- Conduct
- Inward:
- Love
- Faith
- Purity

1 TIMOTHY 4:13 NIV

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

The Practice of Godliness

- Public reading of Scripture
- Preaching
- Teaching

1 TIMOTHY 3:16 NIV

He appeared in the flesh, was seen by angels,

- Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great:
 - was vindicated by the Spirit,
 - was preached among the nations,
 - was believed on in the world,
 - was taken up in glory.

1 TIMOTHY 4:14-15 NIV

Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. ¹⁵ Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.

1 TIMOTHY 4:16 NIV

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.