

GROWTH IN GODLINESS

1 Timothy 4:6-16

6-25-23

I. Pursuit of Godliness is for All People Not Just Church Leaders

HOW DO WE GROW IN GODLINESS?

II. Seek Godly Nourishment

1 Timothy 4:6 - "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."

III. Pursue Godly Training

1 Timothy 4:7-10 - "Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; ⁸for 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. ⁹The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. ¹⁰For 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"

IV. Engage in Godly Teaching

1 Timothy 4:11 - "Command and teach these things."

V. Set a Godly Example

~ How do we set a Godly example?

1. In your character, not your age

1 Timothy 4:12 - "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

2. Emphasize Scripture

1 Timothy 4:13 - "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

3. Serve

1 Timothy 4:14 - "Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you."

4. Devote yourself fully to Christ

1 Timothy 4:15 - "Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress."

VI. CAUTION - Assess Yourself

1 Timothy 4:16 - "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."

Growing Deeper This Week

1. What was one thing that you took away from the message this week? What challenged your thinking or provoked your thoughts?
2. What is the purpose of godliness? Why should we strive for it?
3. Why do you think it is hard for Christians to grow in godliness?
4. In verse 7, Paul talks about “training ourselves for godliness”. What are some practical ways that you train yourself for godliness?
5. Paul tells us that the pursuit of godliness has eternal significance. Why is it so hard to keep eternity in mind in our day-to-day lives? How would living with eternity in mind affect the urgency of pursuing a holy life and of telling others about Christ?
6. Part of our pursuit of godliness involves discipleship. Why is discipleship so important in growing godliness?
7. What are some ways that you emphasize Scripture in your personal life, jobs, conversations, parenting etc.?

GROUP ACTIVITY IDEA

8. One of the ways we grow in our example of godliness is by serving. Talk as a group about an area that you can serve together in at church, in the community, or for each other. If you would like to know more about specific group serving opportunities, you can contact the church office or Pastor Brandon.
 - Make a plan to serve at least twice together this Summer!
9. Why is serving so important to our godliness? Who is our model for service?
10. In v.15 Paul tells Timothy to immerse himself in godliness so that “all may see your progress”. Why do you think it was important for Paul to say this to Timothy?
11. Paul closes by warning Timothy to “keep a close watch” on himself. What are some things that sidetrack you from your pursuit of godliness?