

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for June 9, 2024

Sermon Notes

Train Yourself for Godliness

1 Timothy 4

We are at a place in 1 Timothy where we go from a glorious picture of the church and Christ our Savior (1 Tim 3:14-16) to a stark warning about the reality and danger of false teachers and their false doctrines. This danger can be subtle, and we can be susceptible to its lies if we are not taught and trained to recognize and fight against it.

What is this false teaching that is so dangerous? It declares, in one form or another, that there are certain things we have to do or not do in order to earn God's favor. This teaching misunderstands the gospel. It focuses on us and our works when it is fundamentally about God and his character as revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's instruction to Timothy, and to us, is to fight this battle by 'training ourselves for godliness'. The outward life of a person flows from his or her inner spirit. Those who discipline themselves to follow after Jesus Christ, who are focused on living out Biblical truth, will develop a life of growing intimacy with Christ. What we believe will impact how we live, how we love, and how we persevere in the faith. Diligence is required.

There is danger that must be vigilantly confronted (1 Tim 4:1-5)

There is godliness that must diligently pursued (1 Tim 4:6-11)

There is an eternity we must diligently consider (1 Tim 4:12-16)

Applications for our lives today: _____

Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."

- *Colossians 3:16a*

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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JUNE

9 Churchwide Family Picnic*
15-22 Yvonne on Vacation :)
16 Family Dedication
19 Member's Meeting
23 Communion
**30 Farewell Celebration for
Gerald & Susan***