

1 Timothy 1:3-4

A Godly Response to Ministry Challenges

Godly Perseverance despite Ministry Challenges (v. 3a)

Godly Protection against False Teaching (vv. 3b-4a)

Godly Perspective in Christian Ministry (v. 4b)

Application of 1 Tim 1:3-4

1. What ministry challenges may you face where the Lord has placed you (at home, at work, at church etc)? In what way might Paul's instruction for Timothy to "remain" in his challenging ministry responsibility encourage and challenge you to persevere in challenges you face (or will face)?
2. Reflect again on vv. 1-2 and Paul's description of who God is and His blessing for believers. How do these truths strengthen and encourage you to persevere despite ministry challenges?
3. Notice also both roles of people "going" (Paul) and "remaining" (Timothy) for ministry purposes. What challenges and opportunities might exist for those who "go" (e.g. starting a ministry, helping establish a ministry) and those who "remain" (e.g. working with an existing ministry to see it develop, help resolve conflict in a ministry, providing support/teaching/guidance for a ministry)? Which role would you be better suited/gifted/experienced to serve in?
4. Recognizing God's protection against the challenge of false teaching includes qualified church leaders and God's Word as the authority, standard and source of truth, how should you respond to Godly leadership and God's Word?
5. What are some examples of worthless speculation in the modern church today that may lead people astray or distract them from a Godly perspective in ministry? Are there any "speculations/controverses" that may be distracting and hindering you from maintaining a Godly perspective in ministry?
6. We are saved by faith into the faith and are to live by faith. Reflect on the gospel of God's grace and all that He has done and continues to do in your life (see e.g. Gal 2:20; Rom 3:21-30; Eph 2:8-9)

Reading this week: Read through the whole letter of 1 Timothy and notice the repeated contrast of false/true teaching and false/true teachers throughout it.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	A G _____ R _____ to	
<u>Chapter</u>	M _____ C _____	
	Godly P _____ despite M _____ C _____ (v. 3a)	
<u>Verses</u>	Godly P _____ against F _____ Teaching (vv. 3b-4a)	
	Godly P _____ in Christian M _____ (v. 4b)	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Challenges	Church	Ministry	Paul	Teaching/Teachers

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: