

1 Timothy 4:6-8

Being a Good Servant of Christ

A Good Servant Teaches Believers (v. 6a)

A Good Servant Serves Christ (v. 6b)

A Good Servant Grows Spiritually (v. 6c)

A Good Servant Refuses Error (v. 7a)

A Good Servant Pursues Godliness (vv. 7b-8)

Application of 1 Timothy 4:6-8

1. In the context of 4:1-5 (and more broadly the whole letter up to this point) how does Paul's instruction for Timothy to 'point out these things to the brothers' speak of a pastor's role in the church?
2. As you strive to be a "**good servant of Christ Jesus**," how does this title lead you to understand your role, motivation, and measure of success?
3. Why is "nourishing" oneself on the Word of God so important to being "a good servant of Christ Jesus"?
4. In light of v. 7a, how would you respond to this statement, "sometimes a resolute refusal to enter or continue a conversation is a sign of wisdom" (Kitchen, p. 173)?
5. What are some conversations, foolish speculations or "myths" you should refuse? If you're tempted to discuss or get caught up in any of these, how can you proactively guard yourself against such?
6. A basic definition of "godliness" is 'behaviour that results from an awe and reverence for God.' Therefore, how important is our understanding of God in our pursuit of godliness?
7. What are some means/ways to "train yourself for the purpose of godliness?"
8. How does Paul's illustration of bodily training imply the discipline and devotion we should give in training toward godliness?
9. How does the comparison of bodily training and training for godliness teach us the value of what is important in this world?
10. What's one main point God has spoken to you from this passage?

Reading this week: Read 1 Tim 4:1-11.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

| <u>Book</u> | <u>Sermon Main Points</u> | <u>Other Bible References:</u> |
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| | <i>Being a G_____ S_____ of Christ</i> | _____ |
| | A Good Servant T_____ B_____ (v. 6a) | _____ |
| <u>Chapter</u> | A Good Servant S_____ C_____ (v. 6b) | _____ |
| | A Good Servant G_____ S_____ (v. 6c) | _____ |
| | A Good Servant R_____ E_____ (v. 7a) | _____ |
| <u>Verses</u> | A Good Servant P_____ G_____ (vv. 7b-8) | _____ |
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Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

| God/Father | Christ/Jesus/Lord | Godliness | Good | Paul | Serve/Servant | Teach(ing) |
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What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: