## 1 Timothy 4:9-11

Being a Good Servant of Christ (Part 2)

The Promise and Pursuit of Godliness is Important Truth (v. 9) The Promise and Pursuit of Godliness is Hard Work (v. 10a) The Promise and Pursuit of Godliness is Hope-filled (v. 10b)

The Promise and Pursuit of Godliness is Commanded (v. 11)

## **Application of 1 Timothy 4:9-11**

- 1. Why is the promise and pursuit of godliness such an important truth?
  - a. Is godliness a goal in your personal life?
  - b. How is godliness in others a goal for you?
- 2. How are you pursuing godliness in yourself and others?
  - a. Are there areas of your life that you're convicted to grow in as you strive for godliness?
- 3. "Labour and strive" point to hard work and struggling to overcome. How does this describe the Christian walk both personally and as it relates to Gospel ministry?
- 4. In what way are you encouraged and/or challenged to consider your life and ministry as being hard work?
- 5. What's the significance of Paul's reference to having our hope fixed "on the **living** God?" How does this relate to the promise of life now and in the future?
- 6. How does knowing God "is the Saviour of all men, especially of believers" motivate you to "labour and strive" in the pursuit of your godliness and that of others (especially in the context of evangelism)?
- 7. While Timothy was urged to "command" and "teach" directly from the Apostle Paul, what authority does a pastor have today to "command" and "teach"?
- 8. How does the combination of "command" and "teach" provide us with an understanding of the speaking role of a preacher/teacher?
  - a. What role does the listener have in hearing God's Word?

<u>Reading this week:</u> Read 1 Tim 4:1-11. Read through John 1:1-14 ahead of next week's message from William.

## **Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)**

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