

The Mystery of Godliness
1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

What marks the path towards godliness?

- I. The person of Christ
 - A. The mystery of godliness (3:14-16; Rom. 1:4)
 - B. Relationship with Christ (3:15; 2 Cor. 6:16)
- II. The embrace of God's gifts
 - A. The evil side of denial (4:1-3a)
 - B. Embracing created good (4:3b-5; Heb. 13:4; Mark 7:18-19)

Application Guide:

1. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus? Is there a relationship to someone or something other than Jesus that seems to be controlling your life?
2. How have you set your hopes on the denial of fleshly desires, rather than Christ, for salvation and godliness? Why do you think people are drawn to this evil side of denial?
3. What characterizes a community marked by denial of God's created good? What characterizes a community marked by the embrace and enjoyment of God's created good?