

## Trained for Godliness

Insight for Living Series (IFL-02)

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- Psalm 19:7-8
- 1 Timothy 4:8-13
  - Physical training is good
  - Training for godliness is much better
    - Benefits in this life and life to come (eternal life)
  - A trustworthy saying everyone should accept
  - This is why we work hard – our hope is in God for all people
  - Teach these things and insist everyone learn them
  - Focus on reading the Scriptures to the church

### Training = Discipline

- Discipling is discipline
- Discipline in the scriptures
- God's instructions – giving us insight for living
- Psalm 119:72-75 (NLT2) 73 You made me; you created me. Now give me the sense to follow your commands.
- Discipline = Freedom
- Psalm 119:45 (NLT2) I will walk in freedom, for I have devoted myself to your commandments.
- John 8:31-32 ... the truth, and the truth will set you free."

### Training for Leaders – Deuteronomy 17:18-20

- V.14 about to enter the land God gave you
- You may think we should select a king – (1 Samuel 8)
- Be sure to select the King God chooses
- The king must copy this body of instruction on a scroll
- He must read it daily as long as he lives
- He will learn to fear the Lord through obedience to all the terms of these instructions
- Regular reading...
  - Prevent pride
  - Prevent veering from the commands in the smallest way
  - Ensure his descendants will reign

## Trained to not veer – Psalm 73

- I almost stumbled
- I saw the prosperity of the wicked – enjoying a life of ease
- Did I keep my heart pure for nothing?
- I get nothing but trouble
- If I had spoken this – I would have been traitor to God's children
- When I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood
- They are on a slippery path to destruction
- I belong to you – you hold my right hand
- You guide me with your counsel – leading me to a glorious destiny
  - How good it is for me to be near God
- James 4:8 (NLT2) Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.
- Trained in undivided loyalty
  - Envious of the prosperity of wicked?
  - Keeping heart pure for nothing?
- 2 Peter 1:3
- 1 Timothy 6:6
- Being led to a glorious destiny (Psalm 73:24)