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The Work of the Ambassador

The Great Worth of Godly Work

1 Timothy 4:6-10

1. **The _____ of Godly Work** (v.6 *If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed*)

- a. A Christ-like _____.
 - i. Christ serves as our ultimate example of Servanthood
 - Mark 10:45
 - Philippians 2:7
 - ii. Christ is our motivation to serve
- b. Strong _____.
 - i. 2 Peter 1:3

2. **The _____ to Godly Work** (v.7-9 *Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; 8 for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come 9 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance*)

- a. _____ Doctrine (7)
 - i. The book of Galatians is a result of this.
 - ii. Preventing this requires the “training” in 7a.
- b. Wrong _____ (8a)
 - i. Paul is not saying that bodily exercise should be ignored, but that the value of godliness lasts forever.
 - ii. CF: 1 Timothy 6:6-10: The “love of money” idea is another example of how something good (money) cannot be our main priority.

c. Weak _____ (8b)

- i. Oftentimes, we do not work hard in our Christian lives because we do not have the right perspective. The work in godliness has implications now and for eternity.
- ii. Matthew 6:33
- iii. A “10,000 year” perspective.

3. **The _____ of Godly Work** (v. 10 *For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe*)

a. Toil and Strive:

b. _____ in God.(10b)

c. _____ in Jesus Christ. (10c)

- i. The simple Gospel (Christ died for our sins, he was buried to prove he was dead, He was raised to prove his sacrifice paid the price of God’s wrath, and he was seen by many to prove he was alive) grants us the example of servanthood, the basis for sound doctrine, the motivation for godliness, the hope of the future, and the worth of Christian work.

• Conclusion:

- Are you working hard? The goal is worthy, the opposition is avoidable, and the foundation is solid.