

HARRISON HILLS CHURCH

EPISTLES FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

1 Timothy 4:8-16

1. The serpent did not overcome Adam and Eve through _____. He overcame them by introducing a _____.

If something draws you away from relationship with God, whether by pushing you toward rigid rules and regulations or toward unchecked worldliness, it is not from God.

2. Relationship will never call us to _____ commitment, and it will never reduce holiness to rule keeping. Relationship calls us to nearness, and nearness produces _____ of the One we serve.

3. It is important to state clearly that the Word of God is _____. Our feelings, impressions, or perceived promptings are _____ the authority.

God does not contradict Himself. The Spirit of God will never lead someone in a direction that disagrees with the written Word of God.

4. Feelings can be formed, dulled, or misdirected, but the Word remains _____ and _____.

When we examine an activity in light of the character of Christ, the fruit of the Spirit, and the overarching principles of Scripture, clarity emerges.

5. Scripture _____ our conscience, _____ our values, and _____ our discernment. The absence of a specific prohibition is not permission; it is an invitation to discernment.

Rather than asking, "Where does the Bible say I cannot do this?" the better question is, "Does this reflect the nature, character, and life of Christ being formed in me?"

1 Timothy 4:7 NET 2nd ed.

7 But reject those myths fit only for the godless and gullible, and train yourself for godliness.

6. Training is _____, it requires _____, and

it is _____ work.

THE ADVANTAGES OF TRAINING

1 Timothy 4:8 NET 2nd ed.

8 For “physical exercise has some value, but godliness is valuable in every way. It holds promise for the present life and for the life to come.”

7. Godliness gives us quality of life in the _____, and it _____ quality of life in what is to come.

THE TRUSTWORTHY SAYING

1 Timothy 4:9–10 NET 2nd ed.

9 This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance. 10 In fact this is why we work hard and struggle, because we have set our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of believers.

8. Verse 8 emphasizes the _____ of godliness—not just eternally, but right now.

9. Verse 10 emphasizes the _____ of that godliness—hope in the living God revealed through the gospel.

10. Godliness is often found in places where people are willing to work hard at _____ to the One who has provided salvation for them, even when that faithfulness requires struggle.

Faithful ministry and godly living inevitably involve some measure of hardship and suffering. This struggle is not a sign of failure or misplaced devotion; it is often the context in which godliness is formed and revealed.

11. The good news that Jesus _____ us from sin, _____ us to Himself, and _____ His life in us is worth the struggle, because the life it produces is worth everything.

12. Godliness is not about trying harder, becoming more spiritual, or earning approval. It is a response to _____ that has already been accomplished.
13. Difficulty and struggle do not cancel godliness; they often _____ it. Faithful living grows out of _____ that salvation is real, that freedom has been granted, and that life is secure.
14. Salvation comes through belief, and belief is not shown only by words, but by the way a person _____. A believer lives differently, choosing new life instead of returning to old ways.

GETTING BACK ON TRACK

1 Timothy 4:11–12 NET 2nd ed.

11 Command and teach these things. 12 Let no one look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in your speech, conduct, love, faithfulness, and purity.

15. Paul brings an important reality of leadership to Timothy's attention. When you command people, you may encounter _____.
16. From the beginning, God has shown that calling and purpose are not determined by _____ or order of _____.
17. Age does not determine _____ or _____.
18. The word _____ means to look down upon someone with contempt.

19. Timothy could not control people's opinions, but he could control his _____. He was not told to demand respect or defend himself. He was told to live in such a way that _____ would lose its footing.

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20. _____ living outlasts negative words and contempt. Over time, a life marked by _____ speaks louder than accusation, and _____ proves more enduring than criticism.

21. In the end, it is the life that gives credibility to the message. Godliness cannot only be taught; it must be _____.

DEVOTE YOURSELF

1 Timothy 4:13–16 NET 2nd ed.

13 Until I come, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. 14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift you have, given to you and confirmed by prophetic words when the elders laid hands on you. 15 Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that everyone will see your progress. 16 Be conscientious about how you live and what you teach. Persevere in this, because by doing so you will save both yourself and those who listen to you.

22. Awareness of the world has its place, but _____ belongs to Scripture. We must be careful not to give more attention to current events than to the Word that gives life.

23. A teacher does not need to pretend _____, but it also means growth can never stop. Faithfulness is shown through _____, not stagnation.

AS TIMOTHY CONTINUES TO READ THE SCRIPTURES, TEACH TRUTH, AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS, THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION SHAPES NOT ONLY THOSE WHO HEAR HIM, BUT TIMOTHY HIMSELF AS WELL. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR YOU AND I.

WE ARE TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD BY SPREADING KINGDOM CULTURE ONE ENCOUNTER AT A TIME