

## Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

### The Pursuit of Godliness – 1 Timothy 4:6-16

#### Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of Nelson Bell
2. The Source of Godliness
3. The Diet and Exercise for Godliness
4. The Result of Godliness
5. Conclusion – our understanding of service comes from Jesus' service on the cross

#### Scripture Passages Referenced

- 2 Peter 1:3 - His divine power has granted us all things that pertain to life and godliness, though the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.
- 1 Timothy 3:16 - Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.
- Matthew 7:21 - Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven.
- 2 Timothy 4:3-4 - For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.
- 2 Timothy 1:5 - I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

#### Discussion Questions

- How do you define godliness? Why is it that words like that can be hard for us to define?
- Who is someone you think of who is godly? What is it about that person that stands out to you as an example of godliness?
- Why is it critical to understand the true source of godliness?
- What is the gospel? How is the gospel the foundational source for godliness?
- Where are we prone to look for the source of godliness outside of the gospel? What happens when we do this?
- What is the 'diet' for godliness? What are the ways we consume this 'diet'?
- Evaluate your spiritual diet. Is it healthy or unhealthy? Why?
- Why are some Christians prone to think of training in godliness as legalism?
- How do we make sure we are not being legalistic in our training in godliness?
- In what ways is the Holy Spirit our personal trainer in godliness?
- What are some specific things you can do to train in godliness better?
- How can you set an example for others in your life in godliness?
- What the results of godliness in this life? In eternal life?
- Of what are you convicted in light of this passage and sermon?
- How does this passage and sermon show you more deeply your need for Jesus?
- How can you grow to be more thankful for Christ in light of what He has done for you?