

1 Timothy 4:6-11

LESSON 18

A Good Minister

1. 1 Timothy 4:4-6 – A Good Minister

- a. The devilish doctrines concern the flesh, ordinances, religious “spirituality”
- b. Their conscience is seared: the lies corrupt what they should already know
- c. Marriage and food created to be received of them which believe and know truth
- d. A good minister 1) reminds the brethren; 2) refuses the ungodly; 3) suffers reproach
- e. “*nourished up*” – 3x applied to body ministry: Eph 5:29, Col 2:19, 1 Tim 4:6
- f. “*faith and good doctrine*” – in contrast to bad doctrines, seducing spirits, flesh/law

2. 1 Timothy 4:7-8 – How We Exercise

- a. “*profane and fables*” – Splitting the moon, dogs bark, noses, angel wings, Grimm’s, shaving, swallowing gum, making silly faces – Refuse them!
- b. Why? they turn from truth - 1 Tim 6:20; 2 Tim 2:16, 2:23, 4:4; Titus 1:14, 3:9
- c. Godliness is the way God thinks - exercised in spiritual things of God – 1Cor 2:11-13
- d. Spiritual understanding – Col 1:9; knowledge of truth – 1Tim 2:4; strength – Phi 4:13
- e. “*bodily exercise*” – not pushups and situps, but exercising flesh – 2Pe 2:14, Ro 7:18
- f. Profitability is the issue – what edifies the church – 1 Cor 14:26
- g. “*the life that now is*” – grace in marriage, health benefits, sowing/reaping, etc.
- h. “*and of that which is to come*”- things eternal, salvation, eternal life, judgment

3. 1 Timothy 4:9,11 – Faithful Sayings

- a. 4x Paul says “faithful saying”:
 - i. 1 Tim 1:15 – Christ came to save sinners; not to accommodate/acquiesce sin
 - ii. 1 Tim 4:9 – Godliness more profitable than anything the flesh can perform
 - iii. 2 Tim 2:11 – We will resurrect to be with him, live accordingly
 - iv. Titus 3:8 – Be careful to maintain good works for others sake
- b. “*command and teach*” – not suggest, consider, share, counsel; Tim is in charge!