



**1 Timothy 4:6-10**  
**The Discipline of a Godly Minister**  
**Part 1**

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**The Need for the Word of God**

**1 Timothy 4:6**

In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following.

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**The Need for Godly Living**

**1 Timothy 4:7-9**

But have nothing to do with **worldly fables fit only for old women**. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; **8** for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, **since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come**. **9** It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance.

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**The Need to Persevere**

**1 Timothy 4:10**

For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, **who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers**.

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### Applications

1. We must know that the primary role of the elder/pastor is to teach the truth from God's word and refute those who contradict it.
2. Elders/pastors must also live godly lives for both their sake and the flock's.
3. Every congregation is only as good as the preaching they tolerate.

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### The Pastor's Role

#### 2 Timothy 2:24-25

The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, **able to teach**, patient when wronged, 25 with gentleness **correcting those who are in opposition**, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth...

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### The Pastor's Example

#### Philippians 3:17-18

Brethren, **join in following my example**, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. 18 For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ...

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### The Pastor's Example

#### 1 Corinthians 4:6

Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, **so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written**, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other.

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## We're Only as Good as Our Gospel

### **2 Timothy 4:3-4**

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

## We're Only as Good as Our Gospel

### **Revelation 3:20**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.