

Training For Eternity

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The church is called to be the pillar of the truth. Therefore, false teachers must be refuted and gospel-centered teachers must train themselves and their people in good doctrine and in godly living to ensure their salvation.

I. Refuting False Teachers – Read 1 Timothy 4:1-5

- A. According to verses 1-2, where does false teaching come from? Is that unique to this church?

- B. What false doctrines were being taught? How can these things come across as spiritual?

- C. List false doctrines that are prevalent today in our culture and in some churches?

- D. What do you think are the best ways to prepare yourself for identifying false teaching?

II. Affirming Gospel Teachers In Personal Training – Read 1 Timothy 4:6-10

- A. In what ways does Paul command Timothy to train himself?

- B. Practically speaking, what different things can you do to train yourself in good doctrine?

- C. According to verse 8, how should you compare bodily training with training in godliness?

- D. Practically speaking, what different things can you do to train yourself in godliness?

III. Affirming Gospel Teachers In Corporate Training – Read 1 Timothy 4:11-16

- A. What areas of life are covered in verse 12? Where do you think you need to grow the most?

- B. Read Psalm 119:9-11 and Romans 12:2. How do these passages help you understand the connection between good doctrine and godly living or right thinking and right living?

- C. What language does Paul use to communicate the importance of good doctrine and godliness?

- D. Why is it so hard to keep eternity in mind in your day-to-day life? When you're able to do so, how does it affect the urgency of pursuing godliness and telling others about Christ?