

A young boy with short dark hair is sitting up in bed, reading a large, dark-colored Bible. He is holding the book with both hands. The Bible is open, and the pages are yellowed with age. The text on the pages is partially visible, including the word "ISAIAH" and the number "461". The boy is looking down at the book. The background is a wooden headboard. The bed is covered with a white, patterned blanket. The overall scene is peaceful and focused on the act of reading.

LIVING WORD / ETERNAL WORD

*foundations for
life and faith*

1 Timothy 4

1 ¶ Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, 2 through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, 3 who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5 for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

6 ¶ If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. 7 Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; 8 for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. 9 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. 10 For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

11 Command and teach these things. 12 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. 14 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. 15 Practice these things, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. 16 Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

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1 Timothy 3:16

“ If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.” Vs 6

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.

1 Timothy 3:16

1) Expect disturbing departures:

“Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,...” vs 1

I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard!”

Acts 20: 29-30

2) Consume Good Doctrine

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vs6



AN HONEST CONVERSATION ABOUT
SEXUAL DESIRE AND HOLINESS

**GOD
LOVES
SEX**

**DAN B. ALLENDER
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“When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

John 21: 9,10

“On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.”

Isaiah 25:6

“You say grace before meals.

All right.

**But I say grace before the concert and the opera,
and grace before the play and pantomime,
and grace before I open a book,
and grace before sketching, painting,
swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing
and grace before I dip the pen in the ink.”**

G.K Chesterton

“A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes life merry, but money is the answer for everything.”

Ecclesiastes 10:19

CONCISE THEOLOGY

A GUIDE TO
HISTORIC
CHRISTIAN
BELIEFS

J. I. PACKER

AUTHOR OF *Knowing God*

“As I often tell my students, theology is for doxology and devotion—that is, the praise of God and the practice of godliness. It should therefore be presented in a way that brings awareness of the divine presence. Theology is at its healthiest when ...it is singing to its glory.”

J. I Packer

3) Train for godliness

“...train yourself for godliness;.... set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” Vs 7, 12





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vs 16

"Now I commit you **to God and to the word of his grace**, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

Acts 20:32

