

the GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING

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1 Timothy 4:6-10– The Gospel and Godly Living: Pt 2
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1. What false teaching have you heard or read about in movies, TV, books, the internet, etc.? Have you ever notice any of these errors being expressed by christians or leaders in your life and church?
2. 1 Timothy 4:7 says have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives tales. Can you identify some godless myths that are prevalent and pervasive today? A godless myth could be described as an explanation or belief pertaining to a variety of topics (i.e. marriage, work, eternity, the meaning of life, money, relationships, ethics, etc.) that does not include God. Have you found yourself believing godless myths? Which are difficult for you to sometimes identify as false and godless?
3. Have you ever taken up a physical activity and began training for it? The example was given on Sunday of training to be a runner. One does not have to run every day all the time to be in training to run. Part of the training is rest days. At what point when you stop training to be a runner do you stop being a runner? After not running for 2 or 3 weeks? 2 or 3 months? At what point would you stop calling yourself a runner?
 - a) How does this example of training to be a runner work with the call of 1 Timothy 4:7 where Paul says: "train yourself to be Godly"? How does this example not fit?
 - b) If we stop training in godliness we will not lose our salvation (John 10:27-29; Romans 8:35, 38-39; Philippians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:4-5) but what are the dangers of not training in godliness? What are the results? Could someone walk away from Christ and the Church if they stop training?
 - c) How do you know scripture to be true from your experience and life in regards to 1 Timothy 4:8? Has godliness proven that it "holds promise in all things"? Now and in eternity?
 - d) Have you ever actually compared growing in godliness to training physically? Maybe another comparison works better for your experience, do you have one?
 - e) Have you stopped? Set some goals to start again? Can your small group help keep you accountable as you pursue godliness?
4. Practically, how do you obey 1 Timothy 4:7 and "train yourself in godliness"? Do you practise any spiritual disciplines?
5. How do we find the balance between being disciplined and being driven?
6. Jesus was disciplined, but never seemed to be in a hurry. How can we do likewise in our busy culture?
7. Why is it so hard to keep eternity in mind in our day-to-day lives? How would you live differently if you were able to do so? How would it affect the urgency of pursuing a holy life and telling others about Christ?