

1 Timothy 4:6-10: A Good Minister

Background: Where chapter 3 gave the qualifications of the minister/servant of God, chapter 4 lays out some of the duties, and responsibilities of the minister of God.

The wording implies 2 types of ministers (vs 6) “good” implies that there can be what? _____ ministers!
Remember vs 1-5: we saw the Holy Spirit expressly / distinctly tell how some will depart from the faith.
He says that there are basically 5 errors, 5 departures from truth!

1. Giving Heed
2. Speaking Lies
3. Seared Consciences
4. Forbidding (the right things)
5. Commanding (the wrong things)



KEY: There is a battle being waged for our disciples! 2 Cor 6:3-4

The Making of a Good Minister of Jesus Christ.

1. Put the brethren in _____ these (the right) things. (Vs 6)

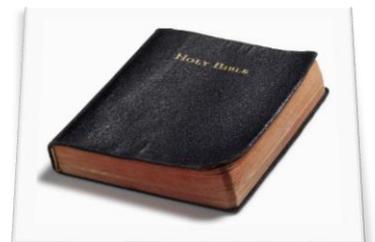
- Brethren = _____ people
- We must warn our disciples of things like these 5 areas of departure. (Vs 1-5)
2 Pet 3:1-2; 1:12-21

5. Those God has placed in your care... _____ them _____. (Vs 6) Job 23:12

- We must make sure that we are “eating up” (taking in) the necessary spiritual nutrients for the coming battles and trials.
Titus 2:1; Prov 4:2; 1 Tim 6:3-4

- “Whereunto thou hast attained” KEY: What were you given here? The word of God!

- Don't allow B_____ S_____. (Vs 7)
Refuse, REJECT it! We will have no B.S. here! **1 Tim 1:3-4; 2 Tim 2:16-18**



That is Satan's goal – to push people to think, “How can I know what is truth?”

3. Good ministers _____! (Vs7-8)

- **You cannot become strong just by eating.** You can become what? _____.
Gal 5:7; 1 Cor 9:24-27
- Those who are in _____ will be the _____.
- You need to exercise yourself unto Godliness... “God – like – ness”
1 Tim 2:1-2, 10; 3:16; 6:3, 11

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KEY: All exercise takes discipline – you must exercise daily.



Your body is the vessel that God will use to carry the gospel.
KEY: Your body is God’s – you had better take care of it.
1 Cor 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 2 Cor 6:16

- **You must make a choice** – will you live for time or eternity?
Will you live for what you can get out of life for yourself now, or will you invest it for God’s glory? **1 Cor 15:19; 2 Tim 4:10; Gal 1:3-5**

There is _____ after death! **Amos 4:12**

- We can trust God that this is a work WORTH investing our lives in. (Vs 9-10)