







A Noble Servant's Focus for Ministry: Biblical Ministry as a Lifestyle [Part 2]

1 Timothy 4:14-16



1 Timothy 4:11-16

- Six ministry essentials that help us maintain a godly focus in our service in the life of our church
- **Carefully teaching pure doctrine** (1 Tim. 4:11)
- **II.** Overcoming challenges through godly example (1 Tim. 4:12)
- **III. Devoting himself to church ministry** (1 Tim. 4:13)
- **IV. A biblical focus on doing God's work God's way** (1 Tim. 3:14)

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God gives each one of us at least one spiritual gift for the purpose of making us spiritually beneficial to one another and to God.

"...which was bestowed upon you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery."

IV. A biblical focus on doing God's work God's way (1 Tim. 4:14)

"Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you..."



"These things" = the truths being taught here.

V. A biblical focus on laboring on behalf of God (1 Tim. 4:15)

"Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them..."

"Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them..." This says something of the cost involved in ministering God's truth in **biblical** ministry—the nature of the work exacts a high price from faithful servants committed to serving God.



"Take pains with = plan, think through, prepare in a thorough manner, be prepared to suffer and to pay the cost of faithfulness with these things.

"be absorbed..." is literally, "be in them." It is a phrase that emphasizes being totally engulfed or consumed. Focus, devotion, courage, unwavering commitment.

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and commitment.

"*Evident*" means something that is plainly recognized—something clearly seen and known. Your focus, devotion, commitment, and hard work in ministry will directly bear on your testimony: does your walk match your talk? Are you showing Jesus in your lifestyle and in your faithful commitment to serve the church family?

- "...so that your progress may be evident to all."

 - worthy of our respect/esteem.

"So that" points us to the purpose of our focus, devotion, hard work,

"Progress" could also be translated "advancement." This refers to credibility, competency, growth, or maturity in spiritual things—things

to grow in their faith.

V. A biblical focus on laboring on behalf of God (1 Tim. 4:15) "...so that your progress may be evident to all." Your "progress" in the faith stands to be a way that God inspires others

VI. A biblical focus on living and serving as God's steward (1 Tim. 4:16)

"...and to your teaching, ..."

- "... Pay close attention to yourself..."
 - Stewardship of lifestyle. Watch your life.
 - Stewardship of ministry. Watch your ministry.
 - "...persevere in these things..."

Give yourself to this pursuit. Stay at it, continue, and remain at your post.



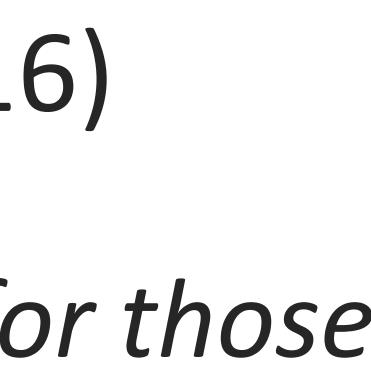
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who hear you."

People cannot be saved from sin apart from the truth of God.

Timothy was to live and to minister God's truth so that he and others could live in right relationship with God.

"...for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those



and for one another.

Sharing in a biblical focus for service in the church brings us together to support and emphasize God's essentials for *being* the church. These six ministry essentials help us practically express our love for the Lord

A biblical focus on:

- Pure doctrine (1 Tim. 4:11)
- III. Church ministry (1 Tim. 4:13)

II. Being a godly example (1 Tim. 4:12) IV. Doing God's work God's way (1 Tim. 3:14) V. Laboring on behalf of God (1 Tim. 3:15) VI. Living and serving as God's steward (1 Tim. 3:16)

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:10-11)



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