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What this message is about

Paul encourages Timothy that the best way to being a “good servant” of Christ is to insist on accurate teaching about Christ, reject nonsense teaching that has nothing to do with Christ, and to put in the work that results in godliness.

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Purpose of this message

To encourage all of us to have a plan and to take responsibility for our own spiritual formation.

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Review

Godliness is behavior inspired by the work of Jesus, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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What is the process of being godly, and thus, a good servant of Jesus?

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1. Eat food that is rich in nutrients.

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Nourish yourself by an accurate understanding of and obedience to the teaching of the Bible.



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1Tim. 4:6

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.



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2Tim. 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has not need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.



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2. Don't eat junk food.



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1Tim. 4:7a

Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths.



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2Tim. 2:16

But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness.



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3. Enter a life-long godliness training program.



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1Tim. 7b-10

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.



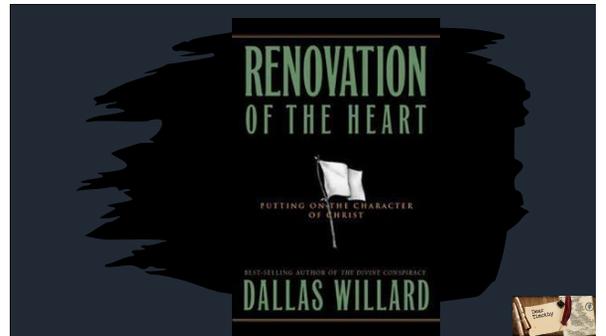
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1Tim. 7b-10

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.



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Vision

Intent

Means



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Vision: Living my life now and always in God's Kingdom; partaking in the divine nature and participating, by my actions, in what God is doing now.



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Intent: To trust God and obey the teachings of Jesus.



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Means: The teachings and example of Jesus, the content of Scripture, and connection to those traveling the path with us.



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Next Step

This week write out your vision, intent, and means for godly training.

Take the initiative!!!



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