

Discipling in a Biblically Shaped Church

1 Timothy 4:6-11

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.

“These things” – the core of discipling:

“Put *these things* before the brothers ...”

“Command and teach *these things*.”

The irreducible minimum of sanctification is _____. (See: John 17:17)

The core of discipling is _____ truth.

Serious Training – the course of discipling:

Some marks of spiritual atrophy:

The value of training for godliness:

- 1) Are you regularly _____ the truth taught?
- 2) Are you learning how to _____ the truth for yourself?
- 3) Are you _____ and _____ what you hear/see/read in light of truth?
- 4) Are you _____ the truth (in love) to other “brothers” (and sisters)?
- 5) Are you _____ and _____ by the truth?

Training marked by “toiling and striving” ...

Consistency

Intensity

Accountability

Eternal Expectation – the cause for discipling:

“... *we have set our hope* ...”

We aren’t just training for a _____ life. We are training for _____ life.

Discipleship is our part in the work of _____ in order to be fitted for _____.