

# Discipling in a Biblically Shaped Church

1 Timothy 4:6-11

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. <sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.