

Devote Yourself to God

1 Timothy 4,5,6

Key Verse: 4:13

1. What false doctrines does Paul refute in this letter? (1:4,6–10; 4:1–6a,7; 6:3–5,20) Why are they so harmful? (1:19; 6:21) Read 1:3. What must a good minister do about false doctrines? How can we protect God's flock from false doctrines today?
2. Read 2:1. How should a good minister lead God's people, first of all? Why is this important? (2–4) How should a good minister help men and women? (8–15)
3. How should a good minister value those who desire to serve God's people? (3:1) What standards should he uphold in church leaders? (3:2–12) How does this protect them and the church from the devil's trap? (3:6–7) How are those who serve well blessed? (3:13) How does appointing godly leaders make God's household healthy? (3:15)
4. Read 4:13. To what should a good minister be devoted above all? How does this nourish God's household? (6b; 2Ti3:16–17) What does it mean to "not neglect your gift"? (4:14a) How can a good minister truly lead God's people? (4:12b,15; Jn10:4; 1Co11:1)
5. How should a good minister relate to various members in God's household? (5:1–2) With what principles should he manage the finances, help the needy, the young widows, elders and slaves? (5:3–6:2a) How can we avoid partiality and favoritism? (5:21a; 6:13a; 2Ti4:1; Ro2:11; Jas2:1,8–9)
6. What dangers are inherent when a godly view of money is lacking? (6:5b,9–10,17) What should a good minister teach regarding money? (6:6–8,11,17–19; Mt6:24b)