

**Series "Entrusted With The Truth"**  
**"God Centered Ministry"**  
**1 Timothy 4:6-11**  
**Study-11**

**1 Timothy 4:6**

**1 Tim 4 – The Church and Its Minister:**

**1 Corinthians 11:1**

**1. Verse 6 – Characteristics**

**2. Verses 7-9 – Activities**

**3. Verse 10 – Motivation**

**4. Verse 11 – Duty**

**1. Verse 6 – Characteristics:**

1 Tim 4:6

"In pointing out these things to the brethren," – 1 Tim 4:1-5

"pointing out" literally means "to put under, to lay before, to remind to suggest"

A True Minister Warns His People of Error: "pointing out these things to the brethren,"

Ezekiel 3:17-21

2 Timothy 4:1-4

1 John 4:6

Acts 20:29-30

Philippians 3:2-3

A True Minister Is A Servant: "you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus,"

Good – "noble, admirable, excellent"

Servant – Diakonos – Describes "the relationship between the servant and his work, his serviceability or usefulness"

A True Minister Is A Student Of Scripture: "constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine"

"constantly nourished" stresses "a constant, internal feeding and strengthening process."

1. Nourished – "on the words of the faith" – This literally is "the faith,"

1 Timothy 3:9

1 Timothy 4:1

2 Timothy 2:15

2. Nourished – "sound doctrine" – focuses upon sound biblical instruction; Systematic thorough approach to teaching.

2 Timothy 3:10

## **2. Verses 7-9 – Activities:**

1 Tim 4:7

A True Minister Avoids The Influence of Unholy Teaching: "But have nothing to do with worldly fables"

Titus 1:14; 1 Timothy 1:4

2 Timothy 4:4

1. They are "worldly", "unhallowed"; "anything that contradicts the Word of God, separate from what is holy."
2. They are fit only for old women.

A True Minister Disciplines Himself For Godliness: "On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;"

"discipline" – The English terms "gymnasium" and "gymnastics" are based upon the transliteration of the Greek word. Word stresses "constant, strenuous activity that will increase strength and ability."

Personal Responsibility – "yourself"

Godliness – “a right attitude and response toward the true Creator God; a preoccupation from the heart with holy and sacred realities; it is respect for what is due to God”

1 Corinthians 15:10

1 Timothy 6:3-4

Spiritual self-discipline is the key to godly living. 1 Cor 9:24-27; 2 Cor 7:1

1 Tim 4:8

“for bodily discipline is only of little profit,” – Bodily exercise profits “little”, literally “for a little, extends to only a few things, for a little extent and for a short duration.”

1 Tim 4:9

### **3. Verse 10 – Motivation:**

1 Tim 4:10

A True Minister Is Committed To Hard Work: “For it is for this we labor and strive,”

1. “We Labor” – Preaching involved “labor”

1 Thessalonians 2:9

1 Corinthians 15:58

2. “Strive”, “suffer reproach”

“because we have fixed our hope on the living God,” – means “we have placed our hope in God and we remain in that initial confidence.”

1 John 4:14

1 Timothy 2:6

1 John 2:2

John 3:16

1 Timothy 2:4

#### **4. Verse 11 – Duty:**

1 Tim 4:11

A True Minister Teaches With Authority: “Prescribe,” – “command, to order as in a mandate, call to obedience”

“teach” – “the passing on of truth”

#### **Application:**

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