

1 TIMOTHY

GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS CHURCH



Godly Ministry in Troubling Times

1 Timothy 4:1-16

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- Semblance of truth but wrong conclusions
 - Things God created to be received with thanksgiving
 - Every creature of God is good, if received/thanks



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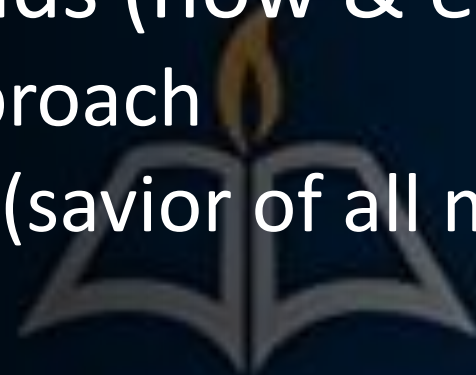


Keeping physically fit



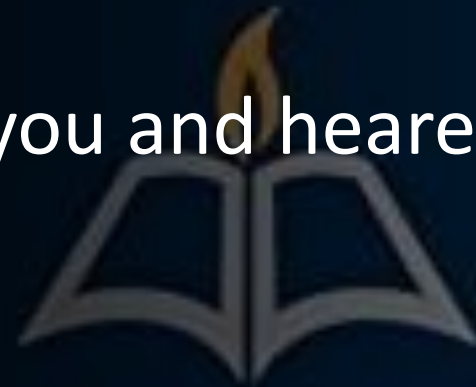
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- Godliness is the best of both worlds (now & eternity)
 - To this end we labor and suffer reproach
 - Because we trust in the living God (savior of all men)



Dedicated effective ministry

- Don't be intimidated by your youth
- Let your character speak (be an example)
 - What you teach (words)
 - The way you live (conduct)
 - Inner qualities (love, spirit, faith, purity)
- Thorough preparation (reading, encouraging, teaching)
 - Remember your God given gifts
 - Your faithfulness will help benefit you and hearers (salvation)



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