

# A Good Minister

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: I Timothy 4:6-10.

B. Paul reminds Timothy of the need of a personal walk before God.

## II. Timothy, “a good minister” of Jesus Christ.

A. This does not refer to clergy.

B. Rather, this means deacon—a regular servant among the church.

## III. Paul’s admonition to Timothy.

A. Watch what you are feeding on—be nourished on the words of the faith and the good doctrine that has been followed.

1. We cannot feed only on the news to be a nourished disciple.

2. What you feed on will determine how effective you become.

3. We do not eliminate these things, but we regulate them.

4. Instead, we need to be nourished on sound doctrine.

5. We need the sound teaching and then we need to follow it.

6. There is no book more important to learn than the Word of God.

7. Do you understand the new covenant, glorying in the cross, and so on? Is there forgiveness, hospitality, laboring with the hands?

B. The negative side: have nothing to do with godless myths.

C. The drive of life ought to be godliness.

1. The word behind godliness means wholeness.

2. Paul took time for prayer.

3. The Scriptures teach one how to be confident without conceit.

4. As you learn how to live now, you will learn how to live later.

D. We must pursue godliness because our hope is set on an encounter with a living thing.

1. Doing these things turns us on to God.
2. The more we draw near to God the more we are turned on to Him.
3. When we feed on sound doctrine, we fully lean on Jesus' name.
4. What you do based on what you know makes the difference.
5. We gain victory by upward gaze upon Jesus.

**Application questions:**

1. What illustrations does the speaker use to illustrate our need to be nourished on the Word of God?

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2. What is the means by which one becomes godly?

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3. How would you respond to someone who says that the way to become a better person is to work harder? Explain.

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