

06 – 1 Timothy 3 14 - 4 5 - Godliness and the gospel

1 Timothy .. so far

1) **Why the way we live as a church matters**

The church as a pillar of truth – v 15

... the church holds this gospel truth up for all in the community to see.

... see Philippians 1:27, 1 Peter 2:11-12, John 13:34-35

The church as foundation of truth

... not saying the church needs to have the truth of the gospel as its foundation.

... see Eph 2:19-22

He is saying ... the church needs to be the place where gospel truth is supported or strengthened by the way we live.

2) **And this is a gospel outline**

... godliness ... springs from the gospel

verse 16 ... gospel outline.

3) **What causes people to abandon gospel truth**

1 Tim 4:1-5

... what causes people to abandon gospel truth

... what Timothy needs to do to prepare people to avoid false teaching.

So what causes this to happen?

... followed deceiving spirit and things taught by demons

... people who engage in false teaching are hypocritical liars whose consciences are seared

How to determine false teaching...

... verse 3-5

... simply take the time to look at all of what God says on the subject.

How do we avoid false teaching?

... 'consecrated by the word of God and prayer'.

For us today

1) Pursue Godliness

2) Alertness to false teaching

... we are involved in a spiritual battle

... by soaking yourselves in the word of God.