

07 – 1 Timothy 4 6-16 – Godliness and the church

What sort of pastor should pastor the church that you go to?

A good minister of Jesus Christ

... verse 6

- 1) ... if he nourishes himself in the truths of the faith and the good teaching he has had.
- 2) ... if he does NOT allow the gradual creep of godless myths and speculative teaching into ANY part of this truth.
- 3) ... if he trains himself to be godly.
 - labouring and striving

The example he sets

... verse 11-16

- 1) ... because he is younger.
 - Timothy is urged to set an example in godly living in a whole range of areas.
- 2) ... it will impact the things he teaches.
 - devote himself to the public reading of scripture, to preaching and to teaching.
 - a) Devote himself to the public reading of scripture.
 - b) ... exhorting or encouraging people
 - c) ... teaching.

Verse 14...

Timothy's impact on their eternity

... verse 15-16

- 1) Timothy is not some perfect "example of modelled godliness".
- 2) His godliness and his teaching will impact those he leads and teaches

For us today

- 1) The importance of godliness
- 2) The rejection of any contamination

3) The pattern of “preaching”

Two dangers

Firstly ...significantly reducing the public reading of scripture in the services.

Secondly ... churches rarely teach and exhort or encourage from God’s word.

... often only reference God’s word.