

Dig Deeper

1 Timothy 3:14 - 4:16

1) The headlines from the sermon were:

- The church and a good minister needs to reject false teaching and teach the truth from scripture
- A good minister needs to live a godly life in order to commend that truth

Discuss how the passage shows this.

Discuss, from the passage, why these two instructions are given to Timothy (and for ministers today)

2) Verse 6 talks about being 'nourished on the truths of the faith'. What truths from scripture have helped nourish you in recent weeks? A time to share and encourage.

(P.S this is not a test!)

(Life group leaders you may like to ask your groups to have a think about this beforehand, so people can come with scriptures in mind to encourage one another)

3) The passage gives the following as a job description for a 'good minister of Christ Jesus' (V6)

Why does godliness feature so highly?

Spend time praying for Charlie (and other ministers you know), for help from God's Word and the Holy Spirit, with carrying out such tasks and having such godly lives and having such Christ-focused heart attitudes.

Job description of a 'good minister for Christ'

The headlines: Know and teach the truth/live a godly life to commend that truth!

Purpose: To save yourself and others (4:16)

- Avoid being a liar, being deceived by the devil and having no conscience before God (v1-2)
- Know the truth in order to reject falsehood and commend the truth (v3-5) Know the Bible really really well!
- Tell your brothers and sisters the truth to nourish them Spiritually (v6)
- Avoid godless myths (these are not the truth!) (v7)
- Train yourself in godliness (v8)
- Labour and strive in this mission (v10)
- Put your hope in the living God (v10)
- Command and teach the truth (v11)
- Don't worry if you are young (v12)
- Set an example to others in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity (v12)
- Read the Bible publically; preach and teach it (v13)
- Be diligent and fully commit to the task (v15)

4) How does this passage apply to us as a corporate family at Christ Church Huntingdon?

5) How does this passage apply to you as an individual/family?

6) What do we find in this passage which should cause our minds and hearts to give thanks and praise to God?