

# **Building the Church Requires Clear Expression**

## **Timothy 4:6-11**

Another trustworthy saying of Paul shows what's important!

Comparison of texts:

**6 – Teach by word and example**

**7 – Keep the main thing the main thing**

**8 – The benefit of a godward life**

**9 – A trustworthy saying**

**10 – Worth all the effort**

**11 – Underscoring the importance**

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### **FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:**

1. What version of the Bible do you like to use for general reading? For study? Do you ever look at multiple versions to gain insight into a passage? Are there Bible websites or apps you find helpful?
2. Look up the following references to “godliness” in 1 Timothy and see if you can come up with a working definition: 2:9-10, 3:16, 4:7-8, 5:4, 6:5-6, and 6:11. How does godliness differ from faith?
3. Paul said Timothy was nourished (v6) in the faith. We see his heritage in 2 Timothy 1:5, which shows an intergenerational model at work! What do you and your (extended) family do to nourish the faith of young believers? What other resources might you draw on?
4. If godliness is applied faith, who are some of the most godly people you know? What makes them so? What can you learn from their example?
5. What is the benefit of spiritual disciplines? How do they work? What ones do you practice? What tips would you offer to someone who is looking to develop some spiritual disciplines in his or her own life?
6. What’s your motivation for leading a godward life?