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Introduction:

I. THE PRIORITY OF GODLINESS (vs. 6)

A. It is a good ministry.

“these things”

“to the brethren”

“a good servant”

B. It is a nourishing faith.

“constantly nourished...”

“...on the words of the faith” (II Timothy 3:14-17)

C. It is heavy on theology.

“sound doctrine”

“ which you have been following”

Definition: Godliness is growing in conformity to God in His character according to the teaching of Scripture.

II. THE PURSUIT OF GODLINESS (vs. 7-8)

A. It is an on-going process.

“have nothing to do with...” (II Timothy 2:23)

“worldly fables fit only for old women”

B. It requires hard work.

“discipline yourself...”

“...for the purpose of godliness”

C. It means keeping your eyes on the goal.

“bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things”

“it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come”

Question: Which is the “trustworthy saying”? (that which precedes in vs. 8 or that which follows in vs. 10)

III. THE PURPOSE OF GODLINESS (vs. 9-10)

A. There is eternal value...

“it is for this...”

“we labor and strive” (II Peter 1:3-11)

B. ...because of the Eternal Being...

“we have fixed our hope...”

“in the living God” (Habakkuk 2:18-20)

C. ...who has provided for our eternal salvation.

“the Savior of all men” (Acts 5:31; 13:23; Titus 2:23; II Peter 1:1)

“especially of believers”

Conclusion: How do you train yourself to be godly?

1) by being constantly nourished in the truths of Scripture

2) by keeping eternity’s values in view

3) by not giving up