
Life Group Questions / July 13, 2025

The Good Fight

Devoted to truth in a world of distractions

12 – Some Persist in this

1 Timothy 4:11-16



1. We heard that naysayers (negative and critical people) can keep us from making an impact. Aside from these negative people, what are some other things that keep us from serving the Lord?
2. Look at the five characteristics of a believer who makes an impact in 1 Timothy 4:12. Choose one that is a personal struggle for you to live out and share that with the group.
3. We were encouraged to “stoke our gifts” just as Timothy was in 1 Timothy 4:13-14. What do you believe are your spiritual gifts (see 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Romans 12:3-8, Ephesians 4:11-12) and how are you using your gifts to make an impact for the gospel?
4. Pastor Todd made the point from 1 Timothy 4:15-16a that growing in the Christian life is hard. What makes it hard for you? What would you have to do to change that?
5. We heard the quote by William Carey, “Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.” What do you expect God to do at Harvest in the years ahead? What dreams would you have for our church?

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I will have the biggest and best impact for Jesus when I...

...ignore the naysayers. (v. 11-12a)

Pillar: Proclaiming the authority of God's Word without apology.

...model Christ. (v. 12b)

Five characteristics of a young believer who makes an impact:

- 1) Speech – anything and everything said is godly
- 2) Conduct – anything and everything done is godly
- 3) Love – putting God and others first
- 4) Faith – faithful, trustworthy, reliable
- 5) Purity – holy living; integrity of heart

...stoke my gifts. (v. 13-14)

2 Timothy 1:6

...keep growing. (v. 15-16a)

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried.

G.K. Chesterton, What's Wrong with the World

It's not that people have tried to live the Christian life and found it not as advertised. It's that people have found it to be too hard and haven't even tried.

...expect results. (v. 16b)

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William Carey

Acts 4:12