

## A Good Servant

*Word of the Day: Good Servant*

### 1) A Good Servant Presents the Truth of God's Word

*John 17:15-19, Matthew 4:4*

- What is the requirement here to be a good servant? Keep the truth of the gospel in front of the people of God.
- The truths of "The faith" are like steppingstones we are to follow.
- People wander from the faith when they leave the truths of the faith and start believing lies.
- Satan knows if he can get pastors to teach false teachings it will lead the church into false living.
- Psalm 1:1-6 compares the word of God to being like a tree planted by a river
- John 15 says we need to abide in Him if we are going to bear fruit.
- Romans 10:17 says faith comes from hearing the word of God.

### 2) A Good Servant does not twist the word of God

*2 Corinthians 4:2*

- Paul is degrading the teachings of the false teachers by calling what they are teaching silly.
- Godliness a life lived in obedience to God.

### 3) A Good Servant Disciplines Himself in Godliness

- Godliness is a right response or attitude toward God
- Paul compares spiritual disciplines with physical disciplines.
- If you were to look at your weekly schedule, how much time and effort do you give for your training in godliness?
- What would change in your daily routine if you were living to please God in every area of your life?
- Paul will repeatedly call Timothy to watch his doctrine and his life closely. (1 Tim. 4:16)
- Going back to the qualifications of an elder, his life must be above reproach (1 Tim. 3: 2)

### 4) A Good Servant is focused on Eternity

*1 Corinthians 9:24-27, 1 Thessalonians 1:4-7*

- The race of godliness requires every ounce of energy you have
- Like a runner who keeps his eye on the finish line we keep our focus on the living God who saved us.
- I am running a race knowing that I already have the victory in Christ.
- God has set my course I am to run so no matter how difficult the race becomes, no matter how much energy, time and effort I give I can know there is a victory.

### 5) A Good Servant tells other people about Jesus.

*Matthew 23:37, Matthew 28:19-20*

- John 12:32 Jesus is drawing all men to Himself.
- 2 Peter 3:9 the Lord does not want any to perish.
- 1 Timothy 2:3-4 God wants all people to be saved
- It is not that the salvation is not attainable it is because of the stubbornness of men's hearts who reject the call of God.
- What must one do to be saved? Believe
- Jesus talked about hell (Matthew 8:12; 13:41-42, 49-45; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30)
- Other passages about Hell (Revelation 20:11-15; 2 Thess. 1:8-9)
- Verses on Believing in Jesus: Mark 16:15-16; John 1:12, 3:16, 18,36, 5:24, 6:40, 47, 8:24,11:26, 20:29, 31; Acts 16:31; 22:19; Romans 10:9,10; Hebrews 11:6; 1 John 5:13

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### Closing

- To be a good servant you just need to present the truth of God and not twist it to fit the culture or an individual.
- To be a good servant you must discipline yourself to be Godly so that the message does not get ignored because of the lifestyle.
- To be a good servant of Christ you need to focus on eternity and how all of this is going to pass away one day.
- To be a good servant of Christ you need to go and tell others about Jesus.

### Devotions 1 Timothy 4:6-10

1. What does verse say we should be trained in?
  2. How much time do you give a week to training in doctrine?
  3. What does it mean to train yourself for godliness?
  4. How do you train yourself in godliness?
  5. What promise does godliness have according to verse 8?
  6. What keeps us motivated when life gets difficult according to verse 10?
  7. What does verse 10 say it takes for Jesus to be your savior?
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*John 15:5*

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