

Leaders are Learners

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*Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, **train yourself to be godly.** – 1 Tim. 4:7*

The Christian Leader and Godliness

1. What is Godliness?
 - a. A Definition ... to be _____ ... formally, the quality or practice of conforming to the laws and wishes of God.
 - b. OT – "godly" in Psalms 4:3; 32:6 (chacidh) is literally, "kindness," with a focus toward _____.
 - c. NT – (eusebeia); reverence, respect, piety toward God; _____.
2. Hence, "*train yourself to be godly*" would be best understood as no static, stained-glass word. It is active—kinetic obedience that springs from a reverent awe of God. It is the Isaiah-like action that has a man, awestruck by God, rise from his face saying, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8). _____—then _____!

Training Yourself in Godliness ... 1 Tim. 4:6-16

14. A _____ for Godliness (vs. 6-7a)
Cf. 2 Timothy 2:15
15. An _____ for Godliness (vs. 7b-10)
Cf. 1 Cor. 15:10
16. The **Actions** or **Fruit** of Godliness (vs. 11-16)
 - a. Personal _____ ... *set ... an example*
 - b. _____ to the Word ... *devote yourself ... to Scripture*
 - c. The _____ of your Gifts ... *do not neglect the gift*
 - d. The _____ of your Focus ... *Practice these things*

- e. Protecting your _____ and your _____
... *keep a close watch on yourself*

Let's Apply His Word ...

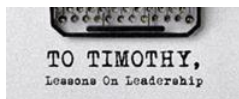
- _____ can lead without being _____. Yet, Godliness is essential to God's People _____.
- How will you spend the rest of your life? Will you determine to never cease being a _____? And will you determine to never cease from _____ in _____?

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

"BY MY SPIRIT..."

Father, we see the insurmountable mountains of need—addictions, strongholds, crumbling families, disregard for life, and churches that have no kingdom impact on the lives around them. Thank You for giving us Zechariah 4 to help us know how You work and know better how to pray.

- The Lord says, "**Not by might nor by power, but BY MY SPIRIT. Who are you, O great mountains? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain.**" LORD, we rely on Your spirit to accomplish what only You can do. We want to impact families, communities, and our world for You. We ask for MORE Spirit abiding in us, working through us to accomplish Your will and purpose—that the seemingly unsurmountable "mountains" will be made smooth by Your mighty power. Use us as You used Zerubbabel to make the mountains a plain.
- The Lord says, "**Do not despise the "day" of small things.**" O LORD. What "small things" would You have me/us doing while waiting on Your timing for the "big" transformations in lives? Is it to work in the nursery and children's ministry? Is it to daily spend time seeking You in the Word? Is it to speak Truth instead of a convenient lie? These things are significant in Your eyes. You have a marvelous purpose in the small things. They are Your method of shaping and preparing us for the future work ahead. Help us recognize the significance in the "small decisions" we make daily.
- The Lord teaches, "**Zerubbabel held a plumb line in his hand while working**". You teach that WE ARE TO WORK while YOUR POWER ACCOMPLISHES. Your words are the plumb line that keeps our work true to stand the test of time. We are Your "Work in Progress", depending on Your word to build us to become pleasing in Your sight.



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3. The **Actions** or **Fruit** of Godliness (vs. 11-16)
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Let's Apply His Word ...

- **Leaders** can lead without being **Godly**. Yet, Godliness is essential to God's People **Well**.
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