

## Study Notes for 1 Timothy 4 :6-16

- As a Pastor/Teacher, Timothy had just been warned by the Apostle Paul (v1-5) about false teachers and demonically-inspired doctrines. In **verse 6** what is Timothy encouraged to do about these kinds of threats?
- Why is it important for a Pastor/Teacher to pass along warnings about false teachings?
- Pastor Paul spent time talking about the need for believers to have a strong and biblical foundation. What can believers do if they discover their foundation is faulty?
- What does **verse 7** encourage Pastors and Teachers to avoid?
- Instead, what is the Pastor/Teacher supposed to focus on? (**v7**)
- What reason does the Apostle Paul give for focusing on godliness in **verse 8**?
- Why is it important for us to think of things we can focus on now that will aid us after our life on earth?
- What are some of the benefits of living a life of godliness?
- In **verse 10** the Apostle Paul describes Jesus as “**the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.**” What does that tell you about Jesus’ saving work on the cross?
- What does **verse 11** tell us about what Pastors /Teachers are supposed to do?
- The Apostle tells us in **verse 12** that the Pastor /Teacher is to be an example. In what ways does Paul tell Timothy to be an example to others?
- According to **verse 13** what is a Pastor/ Teacher supposed to be devoted to?
- Do you see this kind of devotion in most Pastors and Teachers?
- Read **verse 14**. What do you think is involved in someone neglecting their spiritual gift?
- How can a believer get back to using their spiritual gift?
- In **verse 15** the Apostle Paul uses several descriptive words to speak of how a Pastor /teacher should be focused on the ministry of the Word. What are those words?
- Why should all believers follow this same advice?
- **Verse 16** finishes out the chapter with a rather dramatic statement. What is Paul saying here to young Timothy? Does he mean that Timothy will literally save people?
- From this study what have you learned about choosing a good church?