

Job Description 101

1 Tim 4:6-16

In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, *constantly* nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following. ⁷ But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; ⁸ for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and *also* for the *life* to come. ⁹ It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance. ¹⁰ For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. ¹¹ Prescribe and teach these things. ¹² Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, conduct, love, faith *and* purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. ¹³ Until I come, give attention to the *public* reading of *Scripture*, to exhortation and teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery. ¹⁵ Take pains with these things; be *absorbed* in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. ¹⁶ Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

It is in this section of Scripture and again in 2 Timothy that we read what could be described as a Job Description for a Preacher.

What is NOT the Preacher's Job:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What the Preacher is supposed to do:

1. (6)
2. (11)
3. (12)
4. (14)
5. (16)

Textual Notes:

Fables (7): word for myths

- fit only for old women (7): ESV uses "silly myths"
- "old womanish" is in the GK text

Discipline (8): from a word that we get gymnasium

- it means to exercise or train

Prescribe these things (11): means to command (military term)

Example (12): comes from the word for "type"

- Paul lists five specific areas to illustrate

Spiritual Gift (14): may be Timothy's "ordination" to preach

Questions to Consider:

1. "Pointing these things out" seems negative. Some do not believe there is any place for negative preaching today.
 - How do you respond to that?
2. Why would some look down upon Timothy's age?
3. What's the upside to godliness now?

4. List the five actions Timothy was to do (13-16)