

1 Timothy 4 | What makes a pastor faithful?

Look

Verse 9 This is now the third time in this letter that Paul has introduced a topic with the words “This is a trustworthy saying.” (The previous instances were in 1:15 and 3:1.) Such an introduction calls attention to the words that follow it.

Verse 12 While we do not know what Timothy’s age was, we do know that there were people who treated his ministry lightly because of his young age.

Questions

1. What will happen as the world draws to a close? What example of false teaching does Paul mention?
2. List the qualities of a good minister of Christ from verses 4-7.
3. What is the heart of the Christian faith?
4. What does the word “especially” (verse 10) mean?
5. List the qualities of a good minister of Christ from verses 11-16.

Apply

6. How can a congregation help its pastor devote himself “to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching”?