**A Life Shaped by the Gospel**

**1 Timothy 4**

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1. **A life shaped by the gospel detects error**
2. **A life shaped by the gospel disciplines self**
3. **A life shaped by the gospel declares truth**
4. **A life shaped by the gospel determines to finish well**

**1 Timothy 4:1 (ESV)**

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,

**1 Timothy 4:2 (ESV)**

through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared,

**1 Timothy 4:3 (ESV)**

who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

**1 Timothy 4:4 (ESV)**

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,

**1 Timothy 4:5 (ESV)**

for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

**1 Timothy 4:6 (ESV)**

If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.

**1 Timothy 4:7 (ESV)**

Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness;

**1 Timothy 4:8 (ESV)**

for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

**1 Timothy 4:9 (ESV)**

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance.

**1 Timothy 4:10 (ESV)**

For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

**1 Timothy 4:11 (ESV)**

Command and teach these things.

**1 Timothy 4:12 (ESV)**

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

**1 Timothy 4:13 (ESV)**

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

**1 Timothy 4:14 (ESV)**

Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.

**1 Timothy 4:15 (ESV**)

Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.

**1 Timothy 4:16 (ESV)**

Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.