

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: 1 Timothy 4:9-16

Current Series: Think Biblically

Message Title: Worth Your Best Effort

1 Timothy 4:9-16 – *This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance* ¹⁰*(and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe.* ¹¹*Command and teach these things.* ¹²*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.* ¹³*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.* ¹⁴*Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.* ¹⁵*Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.* ¹⁶*Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

The What: _____

The Why:

- You _____
- You _____

The How:

- Teach _____
- Use _____
- Set _____

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Timothy 4:9-16

1. When it comes to giving your best, is that an ongoing commitment in your life in whatever you're doing? Do you share a "best effort" commitment in your walk with God?
2. Which of the three stools that Pastor Dave talked about is descriptive of your life? Why?
3. Is your "why" connected to the two "whys" Paul brought into focus in 1 Timothy 4:16? In what ways do these two "whys" motivate you to give the Lord your best?
4. Take some time to think through the three "hows" that Paul brings into focus that are key to living out a fully devoted life as a believer. Discuss why each of these three areas are essential for saving believers (transformation) and unbelievers (conversion).
5. Is God calling you to make a greater "all in" commitment in any of the three "hows?" How do you see this greater commitment impacting your life?
6. What do you hope will come out of this message focus for you and for others in the Bridges Community Church family?