

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching out to leaders who can change the world.

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LEADER DEVELOPMENT: STAY FOCUSED

INTRODUCTION

Describe a time you allowed yourself to be distracted from an important task. What was the result?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Read 1 Timothy 6:11-21

1. What did Paul tell Timothy to pursue? v. 11 How should we do this today?
2. What was Timothy urged to fight? v. 12 How?
3. What command was Paul charging Timothy to keep? v. 14 Why?
4. What titles and attributes did Paul ascribe to God? vv. 15-16 How do God's attributes influence our worship of Him?
5. Why should those who are rich not be arrogant or put their hope in wealth? vv. 17-19
6. What was Timothy to guard? v. 20 How?
7. What was Timothy to turn away from? v. 20 Why?
8. How is it possible to wander away from the faith? vv. 20-21
9. What advice would you give to someone who is considering turning away from Christianity?
10. Paul ends his letter with 'Grace be with you'. Why is grace important in leadership?
11. What is an important concept/principle that you have learned from 1 Timothy?

EVALUATION/APPLICATION

How can you stay mission-focused this week while serving God and not wander in your faith?

It appears in our day that we have more warped than winsome fellowship. Churches are losing members, declining in ministry and closing doors every day. Still other churches are experiencing the greatest advances in the history of Christendom. What is the difference? Why do some churches disintegrate and disappear from the Christian scene? It is self-destruction, brought on by warped fellowship, soaked to the skin in faulty living, saturated by false teaching, spawned by a false view of God. It is the unhealthy picture of the sheep of God infecting each other with the mangle of gossip, envy, strife, malicious and suspicious talking, chafing one against the other until the whole herd wants to do nothing but scatter. Is there no antidote? A genuine view of God overcomes the false view of God.

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