

Discussion Questions

1. What would it take for Timothy to be a good minister (4:6-11)? Biblically, what is the work of a preacher? In other words, what does the New Testament emphasize versus what we sometimes think a preacher should be? Do our expectations sometimes hurt the work of a preacher? How?
2. What does it mean that someone would “despise” Timothy’s youth (4:12)? Does this happen sometimes in the church? How? Also, in what ways was Timothy to be an example?
3. What exhortations does Paul give to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:13-16? Are these limited to Timothy or should Christians today seek to practice the same? Why?