

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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1 Timothy 3:14-4:10

1. Why is Paul writing these instructions for Timothy, according to 3:14-15?
 - a. Because he doesn't care much about Timothy or the church that he is leading.
 - b. Because he is not able to be there.
 - c. So that Timothy will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household.
 - d. New believers are coming from a lifestyle that is often very different from the way God wants us to live in the church, so he wants to set up so guidelines for them to live.

2. Can we benefit from these instructions as well? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

3. What, according to 3:16, is the mystery from which true godliness springs?
 - a. The rules of the church.
 - b. Christ came in the flesh.
 - c. Christ was vindicated by the Spirit.
 - d. Christ was seen by angels.
 - e. Christ was preached among the nations.
 - f. Christ was believed on in the world.
 - g. Christ was taken up into glory.

4. Why doesn't this say anything about His death on the cross?
 - a. Because it doesn't matter much.
 - b. It is interesting that the New Testament and early church seems to focus much more on Easter (vindication by the Spirit) than on Good Friday.
 - c. Because that is how forgiveness comes but accepting the cross without the Spirit does not necessarily bring godliness.
 - d. Godliness comes from the power of the Spirit which raised Christ from the dead.

5. What does the Spirit say, according to 4:1-2, people will do?
 - a. Abandon the faith.
 - b. Follow deceiving spirits.
 - c. Follow teaching of people who are numb to the very thing that should tell them the difference between right and wrong.

6. What will these teachings entail, according to 4:3-5?
 - a. Food restrictions.
 - b. Forbidding people to marry.
 - c. Legalism, rather than faith.

7. Does this mean that it doesn't matter how we live? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

How does godliness compare with physical training, according to 4:8? _____

What impact does the importance of godliness have on us, according to 4:10? _____

8. What (or more appropriately, who) does this text say we have put our hope in? _____

What have you put your hope in? _____

What affect does that have on how you live? _____
