The Scriptural Shape Of Ministry

1 Timothy 4:11-16

1 Timothy 4:11-12

God’s Word Has Transformational Authority

The Substance of Our Message

"These things" = the whole counsel; Scripture, 11

Command those who know

Teach those who don't

The Pattern For Life Change

Scripture vs. Cultural Expectation (youth/elder)

Conformity to God's Truth changes the church, 12

…changes the minister. Be an example

- Speech
- Conduct
- Love
- Faith
- Purity

The Pattern For Life Change

Ps 119:9, 11. Cleanse, Keep, Hid in heart

Eph 4:17-32. Put off, Renew mind, Put on

Warning lights or engine?

1 Timothy 4:13-14

God’s Word Is The Fuel For Worship

Devote Yourself To God’s Word

Until I come, normative church practice, 13

Read it

Preach it

Teach it

Use your gift in accordance with it, 14

Justin Martyr, AD 155

"And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are **read**, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally **instructs**, and **exhorts** to the imitation of these good things. Then we all rise together and pray"

1 Timothy 4:15-16

God’s Word Deserves Disciplined Devotion

Scriptural Discipline

Put it into practice, cultivate, be diligent, 15

Get into it, whole-hearted, be devoted

- Your progress will be observable

Guard how you behave and what you believe, 16

Persist, persevere, continue to do it

- Salvation for those who hear

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