

Take Heed 1Timothy 4:6-16

Pay Attention

Paul's message to Timothy is needed by every Christian

Jesus often spoke this message to his disciples

Paul included it in most all of his letters

Similar instructions are found in letters from Peter, James, Jude & John

7 letters include similar message

Some folks emphasize the necessity of living a good life, others stress sound doctrine

Neither by itself assures salvation' must "take heed" to both and "continue in them"

To Self

Keeping ME straight must come first - **Revelation 3:1; Matthew 7:5**

I am an example to others - **1Timothy 4:12**

Important to live gospel and walking properly before all - **Ephesians 5:1-2**

Parents teach children; Older teach younger; Neighbor; Co-workers, classmates etc

To Teaching

Not enough to live doctrine; must also teach it - **Acts 8:4**

Attention to teaching includes both what is taught and that it is taught - **2Timothy 2:2**

Knowledge in the doctrine; Loyalty to the doctrine; Zeal for the doctrine

Faithful proclamation of the doctrine

Pious, spiritual mind, sober, prayer, honest, charity, cannot replace sound doctrine - **Acts 4:19-20**

To Work

Must remain steadfast - **1Corinthians 15:58**

Persevere in obedience

Always be on alert - **Matthew 24:45-51**

Our work continues until our life is ended - **Hebrews 2:1-4**

The work of a christian never ceases

Only by continuing to take heed to self and the doctrine brings success - **1Peter 5:6-11**

A stalwart defender of the Truth must also be a diligent servant of the Lord

See Salvation

At the end of the journey all would be well - **1Timothy 4:16**

Attention to Word & Work ensures salvation - **1Corinthians 3:10-15; Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 12:1-2**

Salvation is for those who continue - **2Timothy 3:14-15; Colossians 1:21-23**

Holding fast until the end brings reward - **Hebrews 3:14**

The "day" has come, work is "made manifest," it "abides," and receive the "reward" which the Lord, the righteous Judge alone bestows - **2Timothy 4:6-8**

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