



Exploring Paul's Letters to Timothy

Passing the Baton

1 Timothy 4:7-16

"Train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and the life to come."

Godliness in the Letters to Timothy

A favorite word in the Pastorals
Living like Jesus in the here and now
The place to aim

Promise for the present life

Pleasing to God: 1T2:3
Two kinds of pleasing
Source of power: 2T3:5
A useful vessel: 2T2:20,21

Promise for the life to come

Godliness sets a trajectory
Justification and continuity
The Etch-A-Sketch myth
The curtain of fire: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15
The reward and joy of responsibility: Matt 25:14-30
The glory and honor of the nations: Rev 21:24-26
Carpe Diem

Training for Godliness

Like physical exercise, only better: vs 8
The soldier, the athlete, the farmer: 2T2:4-6
The metaphor of the boxer: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Pivot moments and Rosa Parks
Athletic words of 1 Timothy 4
This week's CHECKLIST: articulating a training regimen

THE CUMULATIVE CHECKLIST BATON

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New heart inside? | <input type="checkbox"/> Transparent with weaknesses? | <input type="checkbox"/> Can you articulate your godliness training regimen? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clear conscience? | <input type="checkbox"/> Do your homework with solid Bible Study | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any risk-actions pending? | <input type="checkbox"/> Do your homework in comparative beliefs | |