

Sermon Title:
"How To Be A Man Of God"
I Timothy 4:1-16

INTRODUCTION:

I. Godly Leaders Speak the Word. vs. 1-6

A. Why leaders must speak the word.

1. Believers will abandon the faith.
2. Believers will listen to demons.
3. In the end times, there will be many false teachers.

B. How to speak the word.

1. The mind set of a shepherd.
 - a) The shepherd's definition of scripture.
 - b) What the shepherd should do with scripture.
 - c) What the shepherd should see as the purpose of scripture.
2. The message of a shepherd.
(the phrases "these things teach" or "these things stress" or "give these instructions" appear in I Tim. 3:14, 4:11, 5:7, 6:2, 2 Tim. 2:2, 14, Titus 2:1,15, 3:8)
 - a) Teach God's desire for all to be saved. I Timothy 2:3-7, 4:10, Titus 2:1-14
 - b) Teach right behavior.
 - c) Teach sound doctrine.

II. Godly Leaders Practice the Word. vs. 7-12

A. Avoid godless myths and wives tales.

1. No one would say they are following myths.

2. How would we spot a wives' tale?

B. Train yourself to be godly.

1. How do you train yourself to be godly?
2. You practice spiritual disciplines.

C. Command and teach.

D. Set an example.

1. In speech.
2. In life.
3. In love.
4. In faith.
5. In purity.

E. Devote yourself to the public reading, teaching and preaching of the word.

F. Use your gift.

III. Godly Leaders Grow Through the Word vs. 13-16

A. Be diligent to grow.

1. Is it possible for leaders to stop growing?
2. What does it mean to give yourself wholly to these matters?

B. Watch your life and doctrine closely.

1. What does it mean to persevere in life and doctrine?
2. How does perseverance save us? Are we not already saved?

CONCLUSION: