

**LEAD BY EXAMPLE**  
**1 Timothy: Doing Church God's Way, Part 6**  
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Key Question: What impact is my life having?

To impact others, you must lead by example

*How To Have A Lasting & Eternal Impact On Others – 1 Timothy 4:7-16*

1. You must understand godliness doesn't just happen  
1 Timothy 4:7 (NIV) "...rather, train yourself to be godly."

Godliness means having the character & attitude of God – "to be like God"

Godliness is much more about what you do rather than just what you believe

Circle these words in this passage: v 7 "train yourself"; v 10 "labor" & "strive"; v 13 "devote"; v 14 "don't neglect"; v 15 "be diligent" & "progress"; v 16 "watch" & "persevere"

The Christian life takes Responsibility

2. Godliness lasts  
1 Timothy 4:8 (NIV) "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."

We must constantly remind ourselves of what is temporary & what is eternal  
*Matthew 6:19-21; James 4:13-17*

1 Timothy 4:10 (NIV) "...(and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God,..."

3. Godliness will cost you something  
*Matthew 16:24-26*

- a. To play well, you must eat well – watch what you take into your life  
1 Timothy 4:13 "...devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching."

Often the things we crave and want are not good for us

- b. To play well, you must focus well  
1 Timothy 4:15 (NIV) "Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress."

Small groups play a vital part in helping us stay focused

- c. To play well, you must train well  
1 Timothy 4:14 (NIV) "Do not neglect your gift,..."

*Matthew 25:14-30*

It is a travesty to have your soul saved but waste your life on earth

*2 Chronicles 16:9*

### 5 Questions To Ask Yourself Each Day

1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV) "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity."

1. Do I want everyone to know what I said today?
  2. Do I want everyone to know what I did today?
  3. How did I treat the unlovely today? (Those who don't love me.)
  4. How did I handle difficulties today? (Did I have faith & trust in God?)
  5. Were my motives and thoughts pure today?
4. **Godliness starts with daily decisions – it's not a one-time choice**  
1 Timothy 4:16 (NIV) "Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers."

Establish a beach head and start advancing  
*Philippians 2:13*

You don't go through this process alone, but you must put yourself in the game

Your job as a Christian isn't to be perfect, but to put yourself in a place where God can use your life

As people see a radical difference in our lives made by God, they will want to know what happened, and in that process others will come to know Christ & have their lives changed for all eternity

### My Next Step Today Is:

- I commit myself to the process of becoming a godly person
- I will ask myself the "5 Questions" each day this week
- I want my life to have an impact. I am asking God to use my life.
- I want to be baptized on \_\_\_ Sunday, July 24 or \_\_\_ Sunday, August 28 at the beach