



Group Discussion and Application

1. What are some reasons a pastor might neglect his study?
What are the results of such neglect?
2. How can a pastor's study time be protected?
3. What does godliness look like?
How can a person discipline his/her life for godliness?
Suggest some specific exercises that help develop godliness.
4. Why is confidence important for ministry?
5. What are the attacks and obstacles to confidence in ministry?
6. How can fear and timidity be overcome, and confidence be developed?
7. How can a person be confident and at the same time humble?
8. We are to be watchful in order to persevere. What must we watch out for?
How should we examine our lives?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. This sermon has obvious applications for pastors. How does it apply to *you*?
Consider applications related to Bible study, godliness, spiritual gifts, confidence, etc.
2. What is your personal response to this portion of God's Word?
3. Remember to pray for the pastor and other leaders of our church.



Family Homework

1. What do you do for exercise? How does it benefit your body?
2. Why is it important to exercise spiritually? How do we do this?
3. Define "spiritual gift". What are some spiritual gifts? What might your gift(s) be? How can you use these to serve the church?



The Pastor's Personal Life

1 Timothy 4:6-16

Four essential qualities in the personal life of the pastor.

The good pastor must be...

1 _____ to God's Word.

2 _____ for godliness.

3 _____ for ministry.

4 _____ to persevere.