

1ST EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY “A Faithful Ministry”

Lesson 4 “Redemptive Ministry” I Timothy 4 v 1- 16

♥ **Group Opener:** *(Choose a question for your Life group to discuss.)*

1. What do you do to keep in shape? How physically fit are you?

♪ **Worship and Waiting on God:**

Have someone in your group prepare to lead in worship. If you don't have someone to lead worship then why not use one of the worship DVD's as an aid? (Integrity's 'Worship @ home' is ideal for this.)

✦ **Group Facilitator** –*It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select ones that will stimulate the most response from your group:*

1. What one or two pieces of advice would you give to a 18 year old leaving home for the first time?
2. How does Paul describe those who are stirring up trouble in the church at this time (v 1-3)?
3. What is false and hypocritical about the teaching in Ephesus? How should Timothy combat it?
4. How does this lifestyle differ from the self-denial taught by the false teachers (v 3)?
5. Why is age a non-factor in being a strong influence for the Gospel? Regardless of age what can every believer do (v 12)?

✓ **Selah (Stop and Think about it):** *(Take the time to make personal application in this section. Have each member share with the group.)*

- How do you identify hypocrisy versus human imperfection?
- Do you spend more time and energy on physical training, or godliness training? How intense has your godliness training been this year? In the past? With your children?
- Does it mean if you have been a christian for a long time then you are spiritually more mature? (v 12) What are some of the marks of spiritual maturity?
- Have you neglected the use of any God-given gifts (v 14)?
- What disciplines should be part of a spiritual growth programme? Which do you want to work on?

Ω Prayer Take time to share praise items and answers to prayer in the group. Pray specifically for areas of spiritual growth that have been highlighted by the study.

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