

The Real Challenge!

We're always hearing about one challenge or another. I think Pepsi has been doing a challenge since the '70s. The "Fear Factor" program produces some interesting "challenges." From what I've seen it has been mostly, "Gross Factor."

Paul gives some challenging words in [1 Timothy 4:7-10](#): *Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather 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 also for the life to come. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.*

Most people don't really care about godliness, in fact, the more ungodly some become, the more ungodly they want to be! Yet, it is for our own benefit if we become godly! Paul said it is valuable now as well as in eternity!

Some people think that godliness is a sign of weakness. But that's not the case! Weakness can be seen in those who have little or no control over their temper, or their passions or their tongues! That doesn't mean Christians should never get angry! We should also be passionate about our love for God! We certainly need to speak up about a lot of things the way the world is going!

To live godly is not an easy thing! If not temptation, then turmoil attacks our godliness so that we lose patience! To live godly may be a difficult thing, but it is a good thing! To live godly brings hope! To live godly builds trust. To live godly is the real challenge! *"For to this end we toil and strive because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe."*

Love to all,
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