

Text: 1 Timothy 3:14–4:10

The Church and Truth

- The Church is _____ of the truth.
- The center of truth is _____.
- The voice of the Spirit speaks through _____.

The Constant Threat of Error

- We live in _____.
- The root of error is _____.
- The instrument of error is _____.
- Error often arises in the form of _____.

Train Ourselves for Godliness

- Training for godliness is _____.
- We must _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What are some New Year's resolutions or goals that you have made? How long do your efforts to change typically last?
- According to 1 Timothy 3:15, the church is "the foundation and pillar of truth." How does the church fulfill that responsibility? How has it failed in that responsibility?
- Why do you think we are so easily distracted by teachings that are not central to Christianity? How might fixating on peripheral issues harm the church?
- Why is it important for Christians to understand that God speaks through the community of faith? How does individualism and isolation increase error among Christians?
- What are some of the common errors presently circulating among Christians and churches? How do those errors deaden our consciences?
- The Apostle Paul likens growth in godliness to vigorous athletic training. What does that look like in daily life?
- How can we avoid the trap of merely "knowing about" God and spiritual things? Why is lifestyle so important to healthy Christianity?
- What role does participation in the church play in our ability to train for godliness?
- What are you planning to do to train yourself for godliness this week?