

Wise Workers

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:1–16

Introduction: Those who would effectively serve the Lord need to heed the apostle Paul's admonitions to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4.

1. **Discern the Times** (vv. 1–5). Discernment is essential for Christians to be effective in their walk, witness, and work. They need to *read* the times, *redeem* the time, *rebuke* the times, and *rejoice* in the times.
2. **Dedicated to the Task** (vv. 6–11). Dedication to the task requires we *understand* the task, *undertake* the task, and be *unmoved* in carrying out the task.
3. **Display the Traits** (vv. 12–15). Displaying the traits involves our *walk*, our *work*, and our *wit*.
4. **Develop Our Theology** (vv. 1–16). The *source*, *soundness*, *stretching*, *scope*, and *structure* of one's theology are vital if he would be a wise workman.
5. **Discipline of Thyself** (v. 16). Paul admonishes Timothy to, "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them: for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you."

Conclusion: Take heed to yourself. Be wise. Be a worker approved of God.