



TRUSTWORTHY STATEMENTS

I Timothy 1:12-17

Jesus Came to Save Sinners

1 Tim. 1:15

- Jesus made this intent clear while on earth – Lk. 19:10
 - Jesus came to heal sinners – Mt. 9:12
 - This is a comforting fact
 - Paul found comfort in this truth – 1 Tim. 1:12-14; Rom. 5:8
- His salvation frees us from living as sinners
 - The gospel is to turn us from darkness to light and free us from Satan's dominion – Acts 26:16-18
 - Recipients of grace must put sin out of their lives – Acts 3:19; Rom. 6:1-2

Aspiring to be an Elder is a Fine Work

1 Tim. 3:1

- There are men here that need to be thinking about this and working toward this end.
- Men need to **aspire** to the office
 - Aspire means “to stretch oneself out to grasp something.”
 - One should not “accidentally” become an elder
 - This is not license to remain spiritually irresponsible if you do not desire the office.
- Being an elder is a **noble task** [watchmen of souls] –
1 Tim. 3:1-2; Heb. 13:17

Godliness is Profitable for All Things

1 Tim. 4:7b-9

- Devotion to living a healthy life can be a good thing
- Godliness means “devotion, piety” **towards God**
 - It is more than “God-likeness,” or being like God.
 - It touches our conviction and actions!
 - Some, therefore, have a **form of godliness, but deny its power** in their life – 2 Tim. 3:5
- Godliness is beneficial in all things
 - It can make us healthier, will make us better stewards, and give us better relationships
 - Its greatest reward is **eternal life** – 2 Pet. 1:5-11

God is Good

Titus 3:4-8

- Though the longest of these saying, it boils down to **God is good!**
 - He saves us apart from our works of righteousness and according to His love – I Jn. 4:9-10; Rom. 5:8
 - Though God saving us by His grace we have become heirs of eternal life – I Pet. 1:3-5
- We are saved to pursue good works
 - We seek to be good because our Savior is good – I Pet. 1:14-15
 - As the redeemed we must be zealous for good works – Ti. 2:14; Rom. 3:23; 6:23
 - If we fail to do good, we will lose God's grace – Col. 1:21-23