



“Chef Surprise”

May 24, 2020

Scripture: 1 Tim. 4:6-16

Graduation Sunday

- The best chefs are...
 - Trained _____.
 - Training _____.
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Knowing God and making him known _____ to be your
entire _____.

Chef Surprise

1. Hit the Books (4:6-10)

Words of _____.

Good _____.

“_____ is of value in every way.”

2. Run the Kitchen (4:11-14)

"_____ and _____ these things..."

"But set the believers an _____ in..."

In what?

3. Check the Receipts (15-16)

"_____ these things and _____
yourself in them..."

1 Peter 5:8

Too many of us are **only** studying Jesus instead of obeying him.

Getting Started:

What chapter of your life has either ended or begun recently?

What has caused you to say, "So... what now?" recently?

Read Acts 4:29-31

Digging Deeper:

Reread 1 Tim. 4:6-16. In verses 6-10... What does it look like day-to-day to be trained in "words of faith and good doctrine?"

If we are training for Godliness, what kinds of markers should we be using to measure progress? (*Hint: What kind of "fruit" might we see from our labor?*)

We see in verses 1-3 what lies were being pushed by false teachers. What lies are being pushed today that we need to be aware of?

Verse 10: "To this end we toil and strive..."

To what end? Use your own words.

Not everyone has the specific gift from God for teaching in a bigger setting, but how can every believer "command and teach" what they have learned from training for godliness?

Verse 12... How can you, specifically, set other believers an example? What areas from this list stand out?

Verse 13... What does it mean to you to be "devoted" to these things?

Nathan said, *"If one person got up on a Sunday and literally just read from the Bible for 30 minutes, and someone else got up another Sunday and talked about vaguely Biblical ideas, the first person provided WAY more value."*

Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Why is disciple-making not JUST the job of the pastors and elders? Why are we all meant to be, not just fans in the arena but players in the game?

What does practicing and immersing ourselves look like in this current crisis? How can we continue fulfilling our mission?

Getting Real: Nathan's challenge was to ask someone in your life about their church background. What does your church background reveal about you and your personal faith? Discuss different ways people might respond to the question and brainstorm some loving, compassionate responses.

For Families and Homes: Think about the list in verse 12. Go around and share ideas for "setting an example" in that area. Maybe act out one way of setting an example for each. Also, consider looking at Jesus' example in each of these areas.

Pray: Read Acts 4:29-31 as a prayer. And keep an eye open as you go about your day for God answering.