

CHARACTERISTICS OF GOOD MINISTRY

In (1 Tim.4:6-10), Paul taught how to identify a good minister of Jesus Christ. Then in (1 Tim.4:11-16), Paul lists ten characteristics of a good ministry of Jesus Christ.

This lesson will study three aspects of how these 10 characteristics of a good ministry benefit the church.

1. Paul continued the subject of “these things” (housos/ a.pl.n) from (1 Tim.4:6) into our lesson text.

(1 Tim.4:6a) “In **pointing out these things** to the brethren, you will be a good minister (kalos diakonos) of Jesus Christ.” (1 Tim.4:11, 15)

Pointing out these things is part of the mission of the good ministry. It is correcting false teachings that disrupts spiritual growth in the Christian Way of Life (CWL) of the church.
(1 Tim.1:3-11; 18-20; 4:1-3; 6:3-6)

Paul is encouraging Timothy to not lose sight of the importance of the mission of a good ministry.

(1 Tim.4:16) “**Pay close attention** to yourself and to your teaching; **persevere** in those things; for as you do this you will insure salvation (sozo/ f.a.ind.2ps) [deliver, rescue] **both** for yourself and for those who hear you.”

2. Paul listed 10 characteristics of the good ministry in our lesson text each by present imperative.

Prescribe	(1 Tim.4:11)	Do not neglect	(1 Tim.4:14)
Teach	(1 Tim.4:11)	Take pains	(1 Tim.4:15)
Let no one look down	(1 Tim.4:12)	Be (absorbed)	(1 Tim.4:15)
Show	(1 Tim.4:12)	Pay close attention	(1 Tim.4:16)
Give attention	(1 Tim.4:13)	Persevere	(1 Tim.4:16)

3. When the good minister is not distracted from the mission of his ministry, his ministry affects at least six different groups.

- Godhead (Eph.4:1-6)
- Church (1 Tim.4:16; Eph.4:11-16)
- Other ministers (Pastoral Epistles; 1 Pet.5:1-4)
- Angels (1 Cor.4:9; 6:3; 1 Pet.1:12; 1 Tim.5:21)
- False teachers (1 Tim.1:3-7, 19-20; 2 Pet.3:14-18)
- Angelic conflict (2 Cor.11:3-4, 13-15; 1 Pet.3:22; 1 John 4:4)