

1. These verses are an excellent guide for the young Christian to prepare for and perform service for the Lord. Training is important. What training does Paul commend to Timothy?
2. Paul warns Timothy against old wives' tales which are described as profane, godless, or irreverent depending on the translation. What might be an example?
3. While training in godliness far exceeds physical training (or exercise) in value, there are some similarities between them. Can you think of parallels?
4. In what way does godliness hold promise for the life to come?
5. Explain the end of verse 10. Does it mean everyone will be saved?

*To put it another way:*

1 Tim 4:12 (NIV) Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Tim 4:12 (ESV) Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

1 Tim 4:12 (DBY) Let no one despise thy youth, but be a model of the believers, in word, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

1 Tim 4:12 (KJV) Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

*Cross references:*

2 Tim 3:14-15 (NKJV) But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Heb 5:14 (NIV) But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

