

## *Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for November 20-21, 2004**

**"The Development of the Church"**

**1 Timothy 4:10-16**

### **1. Concerned for God's World (4:10)**

Our motivation to continue in the present is our confidence in the future.

We labor for our future and the future of others.

- a. God is the Savior of all potentially
- b. God is the Savior of believers actually

### **2. Communicating God's Will (4:11)**

There are two commands regarding how we are to communicate God's will:

- a. Insisting on obedience
- b. Instructing for obedience

The present tense of the commands indicates we must do this habitually.

### **3. Confident in Our Weaknesses (4:12)**

For the weaknesses that we cause, we should change. For the weaknesses that we do not cause, we should continue.

The remedy for our inadequacies is a godly life (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

### **4. Committed to God's Word (4:13)**

The public reading of the Scripture involves:

- a. Exhortation, which is necessary to build up our heart (1 Thessalonians 5:14).
- b. Teaching, which is necessary to build up our mind (1 Timothy 1:3).

This is indispensable for our maturity (Colossians 1:28).

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### **5. Continuing in God's Work (4:14)**

The Scripture does not call us to explore but to exercise our spiritual gift.

We neglect our spiritual gift when we fail to serve the church.

### **6. Captivated by God's Will (4:15)**

"Progress" suggests our need for growth.

"Progress" stimulates others for growth.

Our progress is more important than our position.

### **7. Considering Our Walk (4:16)**

a. Attention to our behavior

b. Attention to our beliefs

Our behavior assures our salvation, our beliefs assist others' salvation.

Persevering in the Christian life leads to sanctification, service and seeking the lost for Christ.