

How to Behave in the Household
Household, Stewardship and Godliness
1 Timothy 3:14-16; 4:6-10

Text

Intro – Passing over words without understanding

The Concept of Piety (pietas)

A definition of godliness

Historical context

Biblical usage

The value and profit

Sunday Evening Discussion

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1. Have you ever trained for a physical event or purpose? Have you trained for any other type of event or purpose? What was the value/profit of the training?
2. Word association – what comes to mind when you hear the word ‘crisp’? ‘Grand’? ‘Heroic’?
3. What is Paul’s picture or word association for ‘godliness’?
4. What has your understanding of piety been (if you’ve even thought about that word)?
5. Godliness is defined as piety toward God. Considering the Roman idea of piety (pietas) found in the Roman hero Aeneas – how does the consideration of this idea help us understand what Paul might be saying?
6. Does this understanding of godliness as piety apply to the kind of households God intends for families to model? How or why not?
7. Which come first – duty to family or duty to God? Why?
8. How does a person train for this godliness?
9. Practically speaking, how do we exercise godliness?
10. Think about how to train and exercise godliness