

II. ITEM TWO: PROTECT YOURSELF

1 Timothy 4:12-16

A. Paul's Concern for the "young man"

- the difficulties
- the dangers
- the distractions

(sounds like today!) *Col 6*

B. The Advice: Protect yourself...And we know the Lord is our protector but there are certain parameters left to us by design and we must scrutinize these carefully.

C. The Process 4:12 ff

- aim to be an example *12*
- attend to spiritual things *13*
- exercise your abilities *14*
- think on things that honor God *15*

D. The Result: deliverance for yourself and for those who will hear you! No small reward for following the Scripture.

III. ITEM THREE: DRAW NIGH TO GOD

James 4:6-11; 1 Peter 5:6-11

A. Closeness to God, Biblically stressed:

1. Enoch..(Genesis 5:24)..
2. Moses (Deuteronomy 34:10_
3. Abraham (James 2:23,, 2 Chronicles 20:7, plus)
4. Believers today (Hebrews 10) ; *2:15*