

b. Pay attention to the Scripture.

I think very little needs to be said about this and yet, in some ways, it is one of our greatest failings. We so often act independently of God and His Word. Yet only His Word is sufficient for our leading (in the practical realm) and to depend on the many books of men...that is a weariness to the flesh and an uncertainty to the spirit.

c. Fulfill the duty of life for God.

Nothing in life is better than knowing Him...nothing surpasses the reality of His will. We are very privileged to be benefitted by His grace and there is no more practical way of showing our appreciation than by living out His will.

3. Conclusion

Hear the words of Proverbs 6, and others, as we are exhorted to take the words of truth and live them out day by day. It is not a legalism...in fact it is just the opposite for it frees us to know and enjoy the love and company of the Lord. Note the thrust in 2 Timothy 3 and remember that the guidance of truth is very important for a life that is effective.

III. Conclusion to the Whole

We are not talking about results as they can be counted by men..but faithfulness to God. This is the "secret" of effective living. But this faithfulness is not impotent...it produces a conviction that allows us to give ourselves fully to what God puts before us...to invest ourselves freely and wisely in His will, and to follow His instruction. He, in His time will provide both the outcome and the blessing. But one can rest assured that if these principles are not active in life...whatever else it may be, it will not be used effectively for God.. for oneself, or for others.