

A Reader's Guide to Discipleship©: Readings in the New Testament

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The sufficiency of the scriptures for all things pertaining to life and godliness
(II Tim 3:16)

I Timothy: foundations for effective ministry

I. Know your plan and purpose 1:3-20

- A. plan what you are doing 1:3-4
- B. understand the spiritual goals 1:5
- C. understand the purpose and content of the scriptures 1:6-11
- D. follow the example of others but always look to the Lord 1:12-17
- E. pay attention to your own faithfulness as failure is close at hand 1:18-20

II. The key components of effective ministry

- A. concerted and orderly prayer 2:1-15
- B. working with character based leaders 3:1-16
- C. able and willing to draw lines of doctrinal and moral purity for yourself and others 4:1-16
- D. respect for all even if living in sin; honor when appropriate 5:1-22
- E. healthy living 5:23
- F. discernment and avoidance of greed 5:24-6:10
- G. self-discipline 6:11-21