

1 Timothy 3:14-16

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Argument: God purchased you at great cost, so honor God with your life!

I. It matters how the Church lives because we are God's Family/Household (14-15)

II. Godliness is not a new ethic but based on the Person of Jesus Christ (16)

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What value comes from understanding Christ's church as a family (v. 14-15a)?
2. Discuss how the church functions as the pillar and support of the truth without becoming legalistic or trying to reinvent Christianity (v. 15b).
3. How do the six lines of truth in v. 16 guide the church in its leadership (chap. 2-3) and protect the church in its battles against heresy (chap. 4)?
4. What particular truths are encapsulated in Paul's confession/hymn/creed (16)? How do these truths inform our understanding of the gospel, the mission of the Church, our personal faith?
5. How does a shared confession of faith unite God's people? Is there any danger to the Church by using historic creeds or confessions?