

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

MORNING MESSAGE

“The Purpose of Discipleship”

1 Timothy 4:7-9

INTRODUCTION

- A. Romans 8:29, “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son”
- B. 1 John 3:2, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is”
- C. Hebrews 12:14, “Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord”
 - I. WHAT IS REFUSED (v.7a)
 - A. There are some things that a disciple of Jesus ought to “refuse”; it means to reject or completely put away
 - 1. You are to refuse “profane and old wives fables”
 - II. WHAT IS REQUIRED (v.7b)
 - A. There are some things that a disciple of Jesus is required to do
 - 1. You are required to “exercise thyself rather unto godliness”; godliness means God-likeness or Christ-likeness
 - III. WHAT IS THE RESULT (vv.8-9)
 - A. Paul makes a contrast between physical and spiritual exercise
 - 1. First, “bodily exercise profiteth little”
 - 2. Second, “but godliness is profitable unto all things”