# "Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning. Earning is attitude, effort is action."

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The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. 1 Timothy 4:1 Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. 1 Timothy 4:2

### There is a time for clarity over diplomacy.

-This is no excuse to be unkind-

They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. 1 Timothy 4:3-5

"Food does not bring us close to God; we are not worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do." 1 Corinthians 8:8 If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. 1 Timothy 4:6

### Player/Coach

### Teach others & Train yourself

Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. 1 Timothy 4:7-8

### Training for godliness is non-spectacular

# Training vs. Trying

This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance (and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe. 1 Timothy 4:9-10

#### Command and teach these things.

# "The goal of this command is love..." 1 Tim. 1:5

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

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Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers. 1 Timothy 4:16

### Train for godliness

-It is your great privilege as a child of God-