

## Developing Intentional Growth

# Great Commitment: Our Programs

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1. According to verse 6, what makes it possible for us to effectively teach truth and so be called “a good servant of Jesus Christ”?

What structures or programs should a church have to ensure that this gets done?

2. What do you think “profane and old wives’ fables” refer to, and how are we to treat this kind of thing?

What are some sources of such “world views?”

3. Instead of getting into useless discussions about things that God hasn’t revealed or which are in direct opposition to what He has revealed, what does Paul tell Timothy to do with his time (v. 7)? What could that mean?

4. Why does physical exercise only profit a little, while spiritual exercise or godliness profits all things (v. 8)?

5. No matter what our age, God wants us to be an example in at least the five areas mentioned here. What are they and what do they mean (v. 12)?

*“in word” —*

*“in conduct” —*

*“in love” —*

*“in faith” —*

*“in purity” —*

What are some structures or programs that would assist in the above?

6. Timothy had a mandate to make disciples by doing three specific things (v. 13). What were they and what do they mean?

What programs can help with the above things?

7. According to verse 14, it is important that we know and develop our spiritual gifts so we can better serve God. What do you think Timothy’s gift might have been?

What types of programs would help people develop their spiritual gifts?

8. Paul continually exhorted Timothy to do the right thing. Look at verses 15 and 16 and pick out Paul’s warnings and encouragements to Timothy. Give short definitions or examples for the following:

*“meditate on these things” —*

*“give yourself entirely to them” —*

*“take heed to yourself” —*

*“take heed to ‘the doctrine’” —*

*“continue in them” —*

# Theme: The Great Commitment

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## Monday

Do you have a regular time each day that you read and study the Bible? Do you feel that you're spiritually growing in the Word? Why or why not?

## Tuesday

How easily do you get off on non-Biblical "tangents"? Think of a way that you can better focus on the Word when tempted to speculate about unimportant things.

## Wednesday

Is it easier to exercise your body or to strive to be godly? Do you maintain a balance between the two, putting the greater emphasis on godliness?

## Thursday

Do you struggle most with your speech, lifestyle, love for others, faithfulness to God, or moral and sexual purity? Think of one specific step you can take this week to grow in that area. Write below:

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## Friday

Let's address spiritual gifts again. Do you know what yours is? Do you know how you can use it? If not, what steps do you plan to take to begin this process?

## Saturday

"LORD, help me to realize that You have certain parameters in mind for Your programs here at Blair Ridge. Help me to work within those parameters, to find my place in those programs, and then to be faithful to strive to make a difference. Lives are literally at stake."