SERMON
Pursue Godliness
1 Timothy 4:1–16

1.Expect problems
a. in church setting, natural to expect perfection
b. but Paul warns Timothy to expect corruption
c. The best answer to corruption is pursuit of godliness

2. Focus on your own walk with God
a. Godliness is fundamental answer to problems we face
b. Work hard to be godly
c. Keep the goal in view
d. Watch your spiritual diet

3. Live your calling
a. Pastoral ministry has number of hidden snares
b. For all of us, real answer to scorn is purity
c. Take heed to your own walk with God

1 Timothy 4:1–16

4 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times
some will depart from the faith by devoting
themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of
demons, **2** through the insincerity of liars whose
consciences are seared, **3** who forbid marriage
and require abstinence from foods that God
created to be received with thanksgiving by those
who believe and know the truth. **4** For everything
created by God is good, and nothing is to be
rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, **5** for it is
made holy by the word of God and prayer.

6 If you put these things before the brothers, you
will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being
trained in the words of the faith and of the good
doctrine that you have followed. **7** Have nothing to
do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself
for godliness; **8** for while bodily training is of some
value, godliness is of value in every way, as it
holds promise for the present life and also for the
life to come. **9** The saying is trustworthy and
deserving of full acceptance. **10** For to this end we
toil and strive, because we have our hope set on
the living God, who is the Saviour of all people,
especially of those who believe.

11 Command and teach these things. **12** Let no one
despise you for your youth, but set the believers
an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith,
in purity. **13** Until I come, devote yourself to the
public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to
teaching. **14** Do not neglect the gift you have, which
was given you by prophecy when the council of
elders laid their hands on you. **15** Practice these
things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may
see your progress. **16** Keep a close watch on
yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by
so doing you will save both yourself and your
hearers.



BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 22, 2026
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Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discipleship Groups
*Visit **BedfordPCA.org/discipleship-groups**, to sign-up.*

English Conversation Group
On **Wednesdays** at 12:45 p.m. Come practice speaking and listening while building friendships and community.

BPC Kids
BPC Kids' includes: Pre-primary–Grade 1 class, Grade 2–Grade 4 class, and nursery. *Dismissed after Songs of Renewal.*

Light Up Bedford
- Volunteer at parade barricades on **November 22, 4:45–7:00 p.m.** Join us for prayer for our city at 4:00 p.m.

Evening Service
Join us for our monthly Evening Service, **November 29**, at 5:00 p.m.

Community Meal
On **December 6**, at 5:30 p.m., we will have a potluck meal with and for our community. Invite your friends and neighbours.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Family of the week: Glenn and Ann Wadden and Mona Sneddon

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LIVE TRANSLATION
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: "He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust."

Leader: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

People: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Leader: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.
—based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

HYMN OF PRAISE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 119:1-8

119 Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!
2 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,
3 who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways!
4 You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
5 Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
6 Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
7 I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous rules.
8 I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me!

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 8B

CONFESSION OF SIN

People: Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone.

As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.

Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the Lord, your Redeemer.
"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.
I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.
—Isaiah 54:8; 43:25; 44:22

SONGS OF RENEWAL

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Great Are You Lord

GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-11

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer for New Canadians and for the Wadden family and Mona Sneddon

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

SERMON

Pursue Godliness
Rev. Don Codling

CLOSING HYMN

Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus

BENEDICTION

Leader: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.
—based on Philippians 4:7

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who
love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

