

LIFE'S GREATEST PURSUIT

If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. 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. This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe. - 1 Timothy 4:6-10



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- 3. Value and pattern of living



APPARENTLY.

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THIS IS CRUEL AND UNFAIR.





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- 4. Feeding on the word is our fuel for godliness



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- 2. Dallas Willard writes that "as disciples, we are not trying to be different people, but we are training to be different people."





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- 4. "Does this help me run to Jesus"



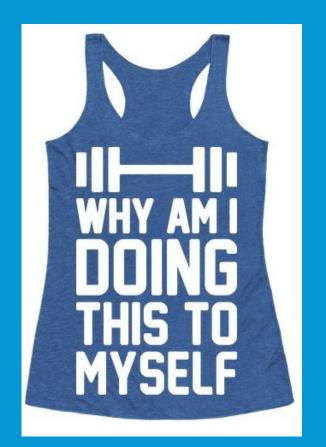


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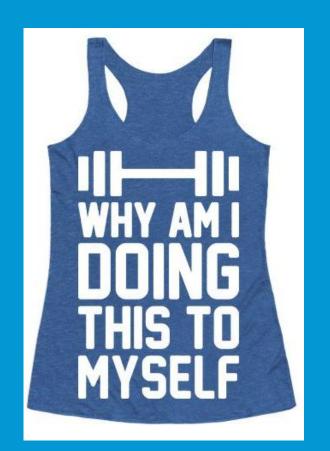
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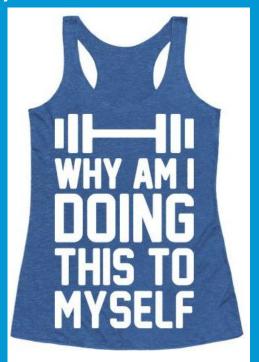
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- 3. Discipline requires that we build godly habits.





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It is valuable in the home, the church, and the marketplace. It is valuable both in times of trouble and in times of prosperity. It helps a person deal with enemies as well as friends. Godliness is never superfluous. It guides the believer in every situation.

- Phillip Ryken



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There must be a larger goal in mind than simply being disciplined for discipline's sake. There must be another motivator, a goal, or something in which the person hopes.



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