

# Women of Purpose

## The Pastoral Letters

- False members, false teachers

**Gnostic** a member of any of certain sects among the early Christians who claimed to have superior knowledge of spiritual matters, whose adherents shunned the material world

- Watch out for bad theology

**Asceticism** is a lifestyle characterized by abstinence from sensual pleasures, often for the purpose of pursuing spiritual goals. Ascetics may withdraw from the world for their practices or continue to be part of their society, but typically adopt a frugal lifestyle, characterised by the renunciation of material possessions and physical pleasures, and time spent fasting while concentrating on the practice of religion or reflection upon spiritual matters.

- Train yourself for Godliness

- Where is our hope?

- Personal instructions for Timothy



## DIGGING DEEPER

- What does Paul describe as the threefold 'underlying spiritual dynamic' of erroneous teaching in the church? Vv 1-2

- How does Paul describe false teachers?
- Why is it vital to emphasize that 'everything created by God is good' rather than simply 'everything is good'?
- Why is the training of Godliness of value? (4:8)
- What's the focus of ministry in the church? (v 13)
- What does Paul mean by public reading and preaching and teaching?
- What in this lesson has particular meaning for you as application to your life?