*Understanding 1 & 2 Timothy: Sermon 20*

**The Ingredients for Spiritual Growth**

*1 Timothy 4:11-16*

*Related Scriptures: 2 Timothy 1:7; Job 32:6-9; Proverbs 10:19; 13:3; 15:14, 28; 18:13; John 5:13; 2 Timothy 2:22; Nehemiah 8:1-8; 2 Timothy 1:6; Acts 16:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:1-4; Luke 2:52: James 1:22; 1st John 5:1-5*

*Opening Thoughts:*

**Six Personal Practices every believer needs to follow for Spiritual Growth:**

**1. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Word of God (Vs. 11)**

**2. Be an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in word and character (Vs. 12)**

**3. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Word of God (Vs. 13)**

**4. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your gift (Vs. 14)**

**5. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your Godly Disciplines (Vs. 15)**

**6. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to your life and teaching (Vs. 16)**

* **Points to Ponder**

1. Why does Paul place so much emphasis on the reading, teaching, and preaching of the Word of God? How has your interaction with God’s Word affected your growing in godliness?
2. Consider how Paul uses commands to encourage his young son in the faith to communicate the importance of growing in godliness. How are you doing at following the commands of Scripture?