

This chapter also stresses the importance of the Word of God in our “exercises”.

*“Till I come, give attendance to **reading**, to **exhortation**, to **doctrine**.”*  
(1 Timothy 4:13)

**Pray!**

*“**Pray without ceasing.**”*  
(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Another critical aspect to living in a way that does not bring reproach to the Gospel is **prayer**.

Prayer is evidence that we have faith in God. If one does not pray much, they do not expect much from God. They don't believe that God can or will help them.

If we pray according to God's Word, and believe that He wants to help us live His way, we will see powerful things. God will reveal our hearts to us and assist us in judging and removing the things which can be shaken.

What we will have left is all of the things which cannot be removed; all of the things which are “of God”.

### **Standing Amidst The Shaking**

*“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and **having done all, to stand.**”* (Ephesians 6:13)

Wear the Armor of God! You will stand!

The Armor of God might be a good place to start “exercising godliness”. Why not endeavor to do a Bible study on this armor? After all, God says that with the whole armor of God... we can stand!

### **Conclusion - What Cannot Be Shaken?**

*“Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which **cannot be moved**, let us have **grace**, whereby we may serve God **acceptably with reverence and godly fear.**”* (Hebrews 12:28)

### **The Grace of God!**

He has given us an immovable kingdom by His grace. God's grace enables us to serve God in ways acceptable to Him and His Holiness. If we serve Him with reverence and godly fear... we cannot be shaken!

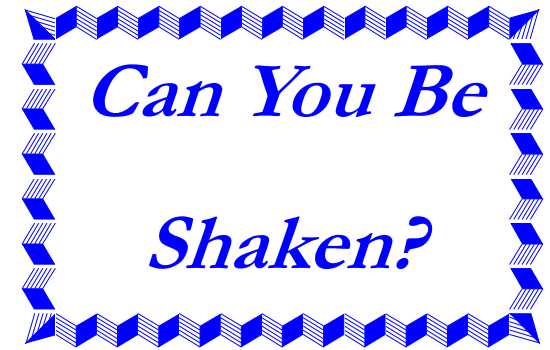
God wants you to be victorious, even more than you do! He wants to help you! He loves you and wants to see you succeed in Him.

Just do your part, examine yourself and trust God...

He will show you **amazing** things and you will grow spiritually.

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*“And this word, Yet once more, **signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken**, as of things that are made, **that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.**”*  
(Hebrews 12:27)

*“For the time is come that **judgment must begin at the house of God**: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”* (1 Peter 4:17)

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Perhaps a better title for this writing would be: “What Is There About You Can Be Shaken?”

The Bible clearly teaches that God will shake everything that can be shaken. He will judge and begin at His house.

Each of us needs to ask the Holy Spirit to help us examine ourselves. We need to seek Him to reveal in us the things in our lives that are not pleasing to God... the areas of compromise... the places of self-serving... the parts of our lives that are

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not yet yielded to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

## A Look At These Passages

The passage in Hebrews 12:18-29 is one that compares the shaking when Moses received the Law with yet another shaking. This new shaking is designed to remove all that can be shaken, so that only the unshakeable remains.

The Scriptures from 1 Peter 4:12-19 are in the context of suffering “fiery trials”. These verses teach that we should not suffer for doing wrong, but for being a Christian. If we suffer for godliness, that is a good thing.

## Practical Applications

*“Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:”* (2 Corinthians 6:3)

So how does all of this apply to us as Christians?

God is seeking a church without spot or wrinkle (see Ephesians 5:27). He desires a people who live in a way that His ministries in this world are not discredited. In part, these passages are a call to holiness. They are God’s loving efforts to draw us into purity.

## Minimizing Loss In The Shaking

People who live in areas that experience regular earthquakes take precautions in efforts to minimize their losses. Before they build, their plans include stronger structures and technologies to help withstand the effects of earthquakes.

So what can we do to minimize the amount of things that God wants to shake from us?

Don’t misunderstand... God’s shaking is good... VERY GOOD! However, if we examine ourselves and remove the “shake-able” things from our own lives before God has to shake, His shaking process will be less painful.

## **Get into the Bible!**

This cannot be stressed enough. The Word of God is powerful. God says that it is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, etc.

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction in righteousness**:  
(17) *That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*”  
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

Doctrine means instruction in knowledge and application. Digging into the Bible will bring wisdom and understanding, which coupled with prayer and faith will change our lives.

Reproof is the conviction and refutation of an error. The Bible will let you know when you are wrong... if you let it.

Correction is the fixing of an error. Reproof lets you know about the error and correction brings you back into alignment with the truth.

Instruction in righteousness means to tutor or educate in the ways of God’s justification. This helps one to identify godly living.

## **Exercise!**

*“But refuse profane and old wives’ fables, and **exercise** thyself rather unto godliness. (8) For bodily **exercise** profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.”* (1 Timothy 4:7-8)

Train, practice, work hard at developing godliness. 1 Timothy 4 is a powerful chapter in the pursuit of godliness. The greater the degree of godliness, the less “shake-able” aspects of our lives will remain.

This chapter warns us expressly of the latter days and the apostasy that will accompany them. It warns of seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.