



## “Fight the Good Fight” 1Timothy 6:11-21

There is a violent side to living the Christian life. Spiritual growth is not for the timid. You must not only aggressively nurture a heart for Jesus but also a hatred toward sin. The only possible attitude toward sin is a declaration of all-out war. Don't just bellyache about your struggles with sin (pride, anger, envy, lust, gluttony, slothfulness, worry, fear, bitterness, depression, discontentment...). MAKE WAR! (Gen4:7; Rom8:13)

### Fight the Good Fight of the Faith!

“Fight” = Gr. agonizomai (agonize) to contend with adversaries, to endeavor with strenuous zeal, to make every effort by laboring fervently and earnestly to obtain something.

### What is this Fight?

V12 Fight the good fight of the faith.

Rom 3:23; Rom1:25; Jer2:13; John 6:35; Ps51:12

- It is a fight to see, savor and show that Jesus is more desirable and satisfying than all that life can give or suffering, and death can take away.

### Why should we Fight? Because...

- The enemy is powerful. 1Pet5:8
- The scope is universal. Eph2:1-3
- The stakes are eternal. John 3:16, 10:10
- The involvement is inevitable for everyone. 1Pet2:11; James 4:7

## How do we Fight?

- Live in pursuit of Eternal Life. vv11, 12b
- Live in light of God's presence. v13a
- Live in view of Christ's faithfulness. Vv13b-14
- Live in awe of God Greatness. Vv15-16
- Live in hope of making eternal investments. vv17-19
- Live in faithfulness to sound doctrine. Vv20-21

### Growing Notes

- 1) What are your thoughts and feelings about the intro to this sermon? Do you agree or disagree? How does the story of the trail runner who killed a mountain lion with his bare hands relate to killing sin (Gen4:7; Rom8:13)?
- 2) Read 1 Timothy 6:11-21. What stands out to you from this text? What did Paul tell Timothy to pursue (v11)? What was Timothy urged to fight and take hold of (v12)? What motivation is Paul using on Timothy to stand strong (vv13-14)? What titles and attributes are ascribed to God (vv15-16)? Summarize vv17-19 and vv20-21.
- 3) What does the word “Fight” mean (v12)? What is this fight? Why should we fight? How do we fight? Which of these six are strengths and which one(s) do you need to work on? What are your next steps in fighting the good fight of faith? Pray.