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## The good fight: What are we fighting?

### 1 Timothy 6:12

<sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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### Proverbs 8:13

<sup>13</sup> To fear the Lord is to hate evil;  
I hate pride and arrogance,  
evil behavior and perverse speech.

### Psalms 97:10

<sup>10</sup> Let those who love the Lord hate evil,  
for he guards the lives of his faithful ones  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

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### Proverbs 4:18-19

<sup>18</sup> The path of the righteous is like the morning sun,  
shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

<sup>19</sup> But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness;  
they do not know what makes them stumble.

### John 3:19-21

<sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

### Jeremiah 13:4-7,10

<sup>4</sup> "Take the belt you bought and are wearing around your waist, and go now to Perath and hide it there in a crevice in the rocks." <sup>5</sup> So I went and hid it at Perath, as the Lord told me.

<sup>6</sup> Many days later the Lord said to me, “Go now to Perath and get the belt I told you to hide there.” <sup>7</sup> So I went to Perath and dug up the belt and took it from the place where I had hidden it, but now it was ruined and completely useless.

<sup>10</sup> These wicked people, who refuse to listen to my words, who follow the stubbornness of their hearts and go after other gods to serve and worship them, will be like this belt—completely useless!

#### **Jeremiah 13:11**

<sup>11</sup> For as a belt is bound around the waist, so I bound all the people of Israel and all the people of Judah to me,’ declares the Lord, ‘to be my people for my renown and praise and honor. But they have not listened.’

#### **James 4:4**

<sup>4</sup> You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

#### **Deuteronomy 9:7**

<sup>7</sup> Remember this and never forget how you aroused the anger of the Lord your God in the wilderness. From the day you left Egypt until you arrived here, you have been rebellious against the Lord.

#### **Revelation 2:4,6**

<sup>4</sup> Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.

<sup>6</sup> But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

#### **Romans 12:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

#### **Philippians 4:8**

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

I cannot \_\_\_\_\_ evil if I don’t \_\_\_\_\_ God