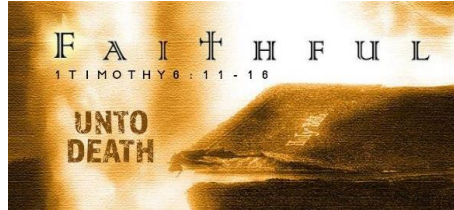


Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Current Book: 1 Timothy – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 1 Timothy 6:11-16 – *flee, follow, and fight* until our Lord Jesus Christ comes!

Today's Message:

"Hold the Fort"



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we began our approach towards the completion of this book with *contentment*. Jesus Christ is enough! The next 3 weeks will teach us to be *faithful, generous, and trustworthy*. Remember that Paul was not planning for a second letter to Timothy at this point. His final words and charge are to a **SOLDIER** of the Lord that he had personally disciplined, trained, and sent to an assigned outpost to **STAND** for God's glory! The hymn, "*Hold the Fort*" applies to this command to Timothy. And God's plan was for us to get this message also! For Jesus Christ is coming soon, and we *must* be **FAITHFUL!**

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text 1 Timothy 6:11-16

#1. Flee – the believer must **RUN** from sin, unrighteousness, worldliness. (11)

BUT THOU, O MAN OF GOD

- ✓ This message is for **YOU**. *But thou...* Gen 2:16-17; Ex 20:1-17 (*thou* – 2nd person singular)
- ✓ You are *not* of this **WORLD**. *O man of God...* Jn 8:23; 17:16; 18:36; Gal 5:13

FLEE THESE THINGS Prov 4:14-15; 1Cor 6:18; 10:14; 2Cor 6:17; 2Tim 2:22

- ✓ A **FAITHFUL** Christian will soberly *avoid* and *run from* **all** these evil things and **all** sin!
 - THE LOVE OF MONEY... and COVETOUSNESS which is idolatry...
 - Sinful temptations and snares... and many foolish and hurtful lusts...
 - DISCONTENTMENT... and ungodliness...
 - Pride, envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings...
 - Seducing spirits and doctrines of devils... fables and endless genealogies...

W1828 "Flee"
To run with rapidity, as from danger; to avoid; to keep at a distance from.

NOTE Flee the *things* that the gods of this world and your worldly friends and influences tell you that you must do and care about! Flee fake "Christianity"!

#2. Follow – the believer must **PURSUE** God – truth, goodness, and beauty. (11)

FOLLOW AFTER

W1828 "Follow"
To go after in the same direction; to pursue.

- ✓ **RIGHTEOUSNESS** – acceptable to God; conformity of heart/life to His words; Mt 6:33
- ✓ **GODLINESS** – reverential and careful observance of God's word; 1Timothy (8X); 2Pet 1:3

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- ✓ **FAITH** – belief and trust in God and His truth; substance and evidence; **Rom 10:17; Heb 11**
- ✓ **LOVE** – to regard with affection; brotherly love; good will; **Mt 24:12; Jn 13:35; 15:13; 1Cor13**
- ✓ **PATIENCE** – the suffering of ills with unruffled temper; **Lk 8:15; Rom 15:5; 2Cor 1:6; Col 1:11**
- ✓ **MEEKNESS** – humility; gentleness, mildness; **2Cor 10:1; Gal 5:23; Eph 4:2; Col 3:12**

NOTE It is not enough just to flee from worldliness; you must follow God and truth!

#3. Fight – the believer must **CONTEND** for Christ’s sake until He comes! (12-16)

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

- ✓ **FIGHT** – W1828 – to enter a contest; to contend with the adversaries; to contend, struggle, with difficulties and dangers; to endeavour with strenuous zeal, to strive to obtain.
- ✓ **LAY HOLD** – W1828 – to take possession of, attain; to seize upon anything with the hands.
- ✓ **CALLED** – W1828 – invited; summoned; named; appointed
- ✓ **PROFESS** – W1828 – to make open declaration of; to avow; to declare in strong terms

NOTE God has not called us to sit on the side lines! There is a battle that rages on for the souls of people... for truth and the word of God... for our families... for our children... and for the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ!

I GIVE THEE CHARGE

W1828
“Charge”
To set or lay on, as a duty; to impose, as a task; to entrust to; as, an officer is charged with dispatches.

- ✓ **IN THE SIGHT OF GOD...** who quickeneth all things... **1Tim 5:21; Deu 32:39; Rev 21:6**
- ✓ **BEFORE CHRIST JESUS...** before Pontius Pilate... a good confession...**Mt 27:11; Jn 19:11**
- ✓ **THAT THOU KEEP THIS COMMANDMENT...** without spot, unrebukable... **Php 2:15**
- ✓ **UNTIL THE APPEARING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!** (In other words, “Hold the fort!”)
 - 1) Which in his times he shall shew... **Acts 3:19, 21; 17:26; Rev 1:8, 11; 21:6; 22:13**
 - 2) Who is the blessed and only Potentate... (Supreme Ruler!) **1Tim 1:17; Ps 83:18**
 - 3) King of kings... **Ps 47:2; Jer 10:10; 46:18; Mt 6:13**
 - 4) Lord of lords... **Dan 2:47; 4:34; Rev 17:14; 19:16**
 - 5) Who only hath immortality... **Ex 3:14; Ps 90:2; Isa 57:15; Jn 8:58; 18:5; Rev 1:8**
 - 6) Dwelling in the light...no man can approach unto... **Ps 104:2; 1Jn1:5; Rev 22:5**
 - 7) Whom no man hath seen, nor can see... **Ex 33:20; Jn 1:18; 6:48; 14:8-9; Col 1:15**
 - 8) To whom be honour and power everlasting. **AMEN.** (Amen. Amen to infinity!)
1Tim 1:17; Rom 16:25-27; Eph 3:21; Php 4:20; Jude 25; Rev 1:6; 7:9-12

“Most High”
49 times in the KJB. The Supreme Ruler of the universe!

Question?
What has God revealed to you today about your own life?
Repent. We are here to help you.

NOTE There is no greater cause and no greater privilege... than to HOLD THE FORT FOR and UNTIL OUR COMMANDER JESUS COMES FOR US IN THE CLOUDS!

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