

Sermon Outline  
Sermon Text:1 Timothy 6:11-21  
Sermon Title: **How to Stay Battle Ready?**  
**Part 2 of 3**

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Apostle Paul talking to his pupil, his apprentice, his under study, his disciple, Timothy. In vs. 11 Paul tells Timothy:

<sup>11</sup> **BUT YOU**, man of God, **flee** from **all this**, And **pursue** righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <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**. <sup>13</sup> **In the sight of God**, who gives life to everything, and **of Christ Jesus**, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, **I charge you** <sup>14</sup> to **keep this command**. without spot or blame **until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ**, <sup>15</sup> which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen. <sup>17</sup> **Command** those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> **Command** them to **do good**, to be rich **in good deeds**, and to be **generous and willing to share**. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will **lay up treasure** for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. <sup>20</sup> Timothy, **guard** what has been **entrusted** to your care. **Turn away** from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, <sup>21</sup> which some have professed and in so doing have **departed from the faith**. **Grace be with you all.**” (NIV)

## HOW DO YOU STAY BATTLE READY?

1. YOU NEED TO BE ENCOURAGED AND CHALLENGED. (Part 1)
2. YOU GOT TO CHOOSE HOW YOU ARE GOING TO LIVE YOUR LIFE. (Part 1)
3. YOU GOT TO REMEMBER **WHO YOU** AND **WHOSE YOU ARE**. (Part 1)
4. YOU GOT TO LEARN HOW TO FIGHT THE DEVIL \_\_\_\_\_  
NOT \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul told Timothy in 1 Timothy 6:12a <sup>12</sup> **Fight** the good fight of the faith.....”

We are in a Fight for our Faith as Paul tells Timothy in vs. 12. The Fight is Fixed? Even though the Fight is Fixed we still got to fight the way God says to fight if we are going succeed on this Christian Journey Life.

b. The Devil don't play for keeps. He wants to kill and destroy you. You will never win when you play with the Devil.

c. We are in a Spiritual Battle and as soon as you accept that and keep remembering that... the better you are going to be able to fight the good fight of Faith.

1. Some of us still want to fight him with **natural weapons**. You don't fight the devil in the natural realm which **natural weapons**. You fight him in the Spiritual realm which is God level with **Spiritual weapons**.

2. We got a whole Armor suit!.... according to Ephesians 6. It says "put on the WHOLE armor of God. Not **partial**, not **one piece**. Nowhere does it say we are to **TAKE off our Armor**. We are PUT ON and KEEP it on.

3. Some of Christian all are walking around **naked** and Devil knows it.

4. Galatians 5:21-23 *"<sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (NIV)*

a. These are some of the fruits of the Spirit are the Characteristics of Spirited Filled Lifestyle. Our task each day as Christian is to stay in God presence, to stay in the Spirit by practicing the Spiritual Disciplines that helps us stay in Step with the Spirit (Spiritual disciplines like prayer of confession, prayer of intercession, prayer of petition, prayer of adoration, meditation, fellowship, bible study, serving, solitude, praise and worship, and fasting). When you are in tune with the Holy Spirit and Walking with the Holy Spirit, you can sense a demon.

b. Devil can't stand truth. If you want to confuse him then speak and live truth.

c. If you expect the Devil when he shows up then you will not be surprised.

5. YOU GOT TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO LIVE \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Paul told Timothy you got to make a personal commitment to live right and to be different. Did you notice or catch all those commitment words Paul uses with Timothy. Paul said in vs. 11 to Timothy, **flee, pursue**, in vs. 12 he said, **fight, take hold**, in vs. 14 he said **keep**, in vs. 20 he said **guard**, and **turn away**.

b. Living a Godly life requires commitment, and it is not easy. Matthew 7:13-14 *"For **wide** is the gate and **broad** is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup> But **small** is the gate and **narrow** the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."* (NIV)

c. If there is **no commitment then there is no growth**. Growth requires commitment. Anything that is not growing is dying. The great thing about the Christian Life is the Holy Spirit helps you to live a Holy Life. As you yield to His control, He will give you the power to do it. You got the make a commitment to grow for YOURSELF. No one can do that for you, they can show how to grow but can't **make you grow**.