

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

The Apostle Paul talking to his pupil, his apprentice, his under study, His little brother, his disciple, Timothy. Paul tells Timothy¹¹ **BUT YOU**, man of God, **flee from all this**, And **pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.** ¹² **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.** ¹³ **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** ¹⁴ to **keep this command.** without spot or blame **until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,** ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ 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.¹⁷ **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. ¹⁸ **Command** them to **do good**, to be rich **in good deeds**, and to be **generous and willing to share.** ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ Timothy, **guard** what has been **entrusted** to your care. **Turn away** from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge,²¹ 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?

Part 1

1. YOU NEED TO BE **ENCOURAGED AND CHALLENGED.**
2. YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE HOW YOU ARE GOING TO **LIVE YOUR LIFE.**
3. YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER **WHO** YOU ARE AND **WHOSE** YOU ARE.

Part 2

4. YOU GOT TO LEARN HOW TO FIGHT THE DEVIL **GOD’S WAY** NOT **YOUR WAY.**
5. YOU GOT TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO LIVE **A GODLY LIFE.**

Part 3

6. YOU MUST GROW UP ON SOUND _____ AND _____ TEACHING.

a. Paul said in vs. 2a-3 “....to Timothy these are the things you are to **teach and insist on.** ³ If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the **sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ** and to **godly teaching**” (NIV)

b. It is the Word of God that gives us the **blueprint for Life**. We got to recognize counterfeit spirits and False Hoods in the church and out of the church. Paul tells Timothy in vs. 20 “Timothy, **guard** what has been **entrusted** to your care. **Turn away** from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge”.

c. You are a product of your environment. You are what you eat!, you are what you believe!, you are who you hang around with! The question for you is how do you know if you are what you are called or destined to be or doing what you supposed to be doing?

1. How do you know if you got the real truth? How do you know if you are living the correct way? How do you know if you are growing under **sound teaching and godly teaching**: When you **start looking and acting like Jesus**. We are supposed to be like Him, mimic him and copy his lifestyle.

2. Ephesians 4:22-24 says we are to daily “²² put off your **old self or old man**, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on **the new self or new man**, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.” (NIV)

a. This is your task once you give your life to Jesus is started putting off the **old way of life**. Start putting off **anger** and start putting on **love**, Start putting off **misery** and start putting on **joy**. You do that with the help of the Holy Spirit.

b. And if you keep on doing that then you are going to start letting your light shine before the world and glorifying your Father in Heaven. You will start making Jesus look attractive to the world.

c. It is time for church to be the church. When people see you then they ought **to see Jesus**. **So how you are projecting Jesus to world**? Because before a lost person get into the a physical building called the church, they should have already experienced church **through you** because Jesus lives in You. We are His witnesses.

d. The number one thing the devil wants is your thought life or **your mind**.

1. Romans 12:2 ² *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*” (NIV)

2. The Devil doesn’t want you to be transformed. He wants you to conform to his ungodly way of living.

7. YOU MUST STAY _____ FOCUS

a. First way you stay Heavenly focus is you remember what Paul told Timothy in vs. 7 “We brought Nothing in this world, and we will take nothing out.” then he told Timothy in vs.19. “Lay up treasures in Heaven”

1. “**Only what you do for Christ will last**.” If you belong to Christ that **Nothing you have belongs to you!** He doesn’t bless you just to bless you. He blesses you to be a blessing.

2. **How many people lives are being changed because of you?** That is treasure in Heaven!

3. How many people are going to be in Heaven because of you! That is treasure in Heaven!

4. When you stand before God at end of this world. And HE asks you, what did you do for me, **what are you going to tell him?**

5. **It is not about you.** And it has never been about you. It is about him. The more you give away the more you get back! That is God math. If you take care of God's business!, He will take care of your business! **What's God business.** The lost, the least, the lame, the left out, and the lonely. **What is your business?** You, your family, your finances, your bills, and your career.

b. Second, you stay **heavenly focus** by knowing where **you are going** or by **not forgetting that this world is not your final destination.**

1. Paul told Timothy in vs.19 “*In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation **for the coming age.**”*

2. If you are a Christian then this **world is not your home.** The problem with so many Christians is they have fallen in love with this world too much. This is not our final destination. We are here on a Mission to fulfill the Great Commission and Great Commandment in Matthew 22 and 28.

c. Third, you stay Heavenly Focus by remember **Jesus is coming back.** Paul said Timothy, in vs. 14-15 “*¹⁴ to **keep this command** without spot or blame **until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,** ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time—God” (NIV)*

1. **He is coming back** for a church without spot or blemish. 1 Corinthians 15:52 says “*It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.*” (NIV)

2. He is coming Back. But that's not the problem. But the real question will **you be ready when He comes!**

3. **When it is all over,** you will got stand before Him and give account of what you did with your life. There will be some people according to Jesus who think they are going to heaven, but He said in Matthew 7:21-23²¹ “*Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’* (NIV) Don't be in that crowd.

4. And if you are Christian you should be concern about people dying and going to Hell.

It is never too late to change. It is never too late to make a difference.