

**Launch**  
**The Power of Confession**  
**1 Timothy 6:11-14a**

*Last week I began this series with, “The Priority of Conviction.”*

*Conviction comes from the heart...*

*Conviction is different from good intentions...*

*Good intentions will always cave to ...  
Convenience, Confrontation, and Compromise*

*I gave you three beliefs that Biblical convictions has...*

*Conviction believes...*

- *The Lord’s plans are best*
- *The Lord’s Word is truth*
- *The Lord’s power is essential*

*Today we are progressing forward into a message that I’ve titled, “The Priority of Conviction”.*

**ONE THING**

***Biblical Confession BREAKS the LIES we have BELIEVED and AWAKES the TRUTH we have RECEIVED!***

*Our words rule us!*

*Our entire life is primarily a product of words that were spoken over us and words spoken by us...*

*The Biblical word, “confession”, is the word, homologia.*

*Homologia is the combination of two Greek words...*

- *Homo, which means “the same”*
- *Logia, which means “word”*

*So the literal meaning of the word is, “saying the same word”.*

*Confession means “saying the same words our heart believes.”*

*Mark 7:20–23 (ESV) — “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”*

*So, on the one hand, words spoken over us and by us have defiled us...*

*But, if you have given your life to Jesus, you made a **NEW CONFESSION!***

*Romans 10:9–10 (ESV) — If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

**1 Timothy 6:11–12 (ESV) — But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.**

**Let's look at the last half of verse 12 again...**

**1 Timothy 6:12b (ESV) — Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.**

**The first two words here are a command...**

**TAKE HOLD! – This means to experience...**

**To do this we are given *THREE* other imperatives/commands to do...**

**So, in order to experience our eternal life we have received we must...**

**1 Timothy 6:11a (ESV) — But as for you, O man of God, flee these things.**

**1 Timothy 6:3–4a (ESV) — If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, 4 he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing.**

**2 Timothy 2:22 (ESV) — So flee youthful passions ...**

**1 Timothy 6:11b (ESV) — ...Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.**

**These six words divide into three groupings...**

**The first two (righteousness and godliness) are...**

➤ ***Our ETERNAL pursuit***

**These only awaken as we allow the Holy Spirit control of each day...**

**The second two (faith and love) are...**

➤ ***Our INTERNAL pursuit***

**Faith...**

**Hebrews 11:6 (ESV) — And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must**

**believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.**

**Love...**

**John 13:34–35 (ESV) — A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

**The last two (steadfastness and gentleness) are...**

➤ ***Our EXTERNAL pursuit***

**Steadfastness means endurance or perseverance...**

**James 1:2–3 (ESV) — Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.**

**Gentleness – strength under control**

**Matthew 5:5 (ESV) — Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.**

**Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV) — But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.**

**1 Timothy 6:12 (ESV) — Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.**

**Your walk of faith is a FIGHT**

**It is a fight against your cravings...**

**It is a fight against the lies you have had spoken over you and by you...**

**It is a fight against the god of this world...**

**1 Timothy 1:18–19 (ESV) — This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, 19 holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith**

**If you have given your life to Jesus you are in a fight!**

**Ephesians 6:12 (ESV) — 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.**

**Matthew 10:32 (ESV) — 32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,**

**Hebrews 10:23 (ESV) — 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.**

**1 John 1:9 (ESV) — 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Hebrews 13:15 (ESV) — 15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.**

**Revelation 3:5 (ESV) — 5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.**

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**Luke 4:1-14**

**Biblical Confession** \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ we have  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ we have  
\_\_\_\_\_!

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.

➤ Our \_\_\_\_\_ pursuit

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.