



“This is the Life”

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I. Words To Live By

1 Timothy 6:11a “But as for you, O man of God”

A. _____ from Ruin

1 Timothy 6:11a “But as for you, O man of God, flee these things.”

1 Corinthians 10:14 “Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.”

2 Timothy 2:22 “So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.”

1 Corinthians 6:18 “Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.”

Proverbs 5:8 “Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house”

Genesis 39:12 “she caught him by his garment, saying, ‘Lie with me.’ But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.”

B. _____ What Shapes You

1 Timothy 6:11b “Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.”

C. _____ for the Faith

1 Timothy 6:12a “Fight the good fight of the faith.”

Ephesians 6:12-13 “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. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.”

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.”

D. Take Hold of the _____

1 Timothy 6:12b “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.”

John 17:3 “And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

E. Stand for What You _____

1 Timothy 6:13 “I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession”

F. Stay _____ to the Finish

1 Timothy 6:13-14 “I charge you in the presence of God ... to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ”

Acts 1:11b “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

G. _____ Your Eyes On God

1 Timothy 6:15-16 “which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.”

H. Live for What Lasts

1. Don't Put Your _____ In the Wrong Things

1 Timothy 6:17a “As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches”

2. Rest In the God Who _____

1 Timothy 6:17b “but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.”

3. Invest In _____

1 Timothy 6:18-19 “They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

4. _____ What Matters Most

1 Timothy 6:20-21 “O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.”

2 Timothy 4:7 “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”



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BACKGROUND:

In *1 Timothy 6:11-21* we see the apostle Paul counsel Timothy on how to conduct himself as a man of God, particularly as it relates to his role in shepherding disciples. Paul provides Timothy with four areas of instruction. He tells Timothy what to flee and what to follow (*verse 11, 12*). He gives Timothy a charge to keep himself unstained and above reproach (*verse 13-16*). He informs him how to minister to the rich (*verse 17-19*). And lastly, to guard the ministry entrusted to him by abiding in the truth rather than engaging in false knowledge (*verse 20, 21*).

DIGGING DEEPER:

Earlier, Paul warned Timothy that the love of money was the root of all kinds of evil causing some to wonder from the faith (1 Timothy 6:10). He tells Timothy to flee such things. Instead, he should fight the good fight and follow righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness while taking hold of eternal life resulting from his good confession (verse 11, 12).

1. What wisdom can you take away from Paul's warning for us to flee sinful desires?
2. Paul tells Timothy in his second letter to him that, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (*2 Timothy 4:7*). Paul also said that Timothy should "endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (*2 Timothy 2:3*).
3. What does fighting the good fight look like in your life? Who or what do you battle against?
4. Read *John 14:6 & 18:37*. What is the "good confession" voiced by Jesus?
5. What good confession could Timothy, or we, declare publicly that testifies to who Jesus is? How does baptism contribute to this?

Paul charges Timothy to keep Jesus' commandments and uphold the ministry of the gospel without stain or reproach (verse 13-16).

6. In your opinion, what is the key to keeping God's commandments and is it more than just a checklist of behaviors?

7. How can someone keep their ministry and themselves free from stain or reproach?

Paul instructs Timothy how to minister to the rich by not setting their hopes on earthly riches. They should set their hope on God and be rich in good works. Through their generosity they will store up treasure in heaven (verse 17-19).

8. Which people from the Bible can you point to that God blessed with great wealth?

9. Why does Paul advise that the wealthy should set their hope on God rather than earthly possessions?

10. What does it look like to be rich in good works? Who have you known to be rich in good works?

11. Read *2 Chronicles 16:9; Proverbs 22:9; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 6:38*. How is generosity a matter of the heart? What is God's attitude toward those who are generous?

TAKING IT HOME:

Paul encourages Timothy to guard sound doctrine, the gospel, and the ministry entrusted to him (verse 20, 21).

12. We all have family, friends, and others who have been entrusted to us in relationship. How can you use God's Word to guard yourself and those people entrusted to you?

13. How do you guard the truth of the gospel and sound doctrine from the attacks of Satan and the world?