

A man with a beard, wearing a blue button-down shirt, is seated at a table in what appears to be a cafe or library. He is looking down at an open book in front of him. To his left is a brown ceramic coffee cup on a white saucer. The background is softly blurred, showing other people and interior lights. The overall mood is quiet and studious.

HOW TO FUNCTION
AS A MAN OF GOD
IN TIMES LIKE THESE

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1 Timothy 6:10–12 (NIV) — 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. **11** 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.

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Paul tells Timothy to avoid the desire to get rich, and the lure of the love of money.

- **The love of money >>> grows a root >>> all kinds of evil**
- **Some eager for money**
 - *Have wandered away from the faith*
 - *Have pierced themselves w/ many griefs*

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Being a *Man Of God* means You do things differently

- *You don't love money*
- *You don't wander away from the faith*

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You Are A Man Of God

- **"Man of God" = *used over 70 times in the Old Testament***
- **"Man of God" = *belongs completely to God***
- **"Man of God" = *follows God's Word in every aspect of life***
- **"Man of God" = *A person dedicated to God.***

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4 Things The "Man of God" Does:

- 1. Flees Worldliness**
- 2. Pursues Godliness**
- 3. Fights The Good Fight Of Faith**
- 4. Takes Hold Of Eternal Life**

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“We Are To Flee From All This...”

- *The Love Of Money*
- *False Teachers*
- *Controversy*
- *Envy, Strife, Malicious Talk*
- *Evil Suspicion*
- *Constant Friction*
- *The Spirit Of Worldliness*
- ***To Flee >>> To Flee Worldliness***

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Flee = to take flight >>> to seek safety >>> to escape >>> to be safe from danger.

- **Don't debate >>> Don't rationalize.**
- **Don't partake >>> Part ways >>> Run!**

In Other New Testament Instruction:

- *We Should Also **Flee Immorality** (1 Cor 6:18)*
- *We Should **Flee Youthful Lusts** (2 Tim 2:22)*
- *We Should **Flee Idolatry** (1 Cor 10:14)*

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We Pursue Things That Make Us More Like Him:

- **1 Timothy 6:11 (NIV) — 11** But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.
- **Pursue >>>** is to “press hard” after something
- **Pursue >>>** is to run swiftly after in order to catch.

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- We Pursue >>> Righteousness
- We Pursue >>> Godliness
- We Pursue >>> Faith
- We Pursue >>> Love
- We Pursue >>> Endurance
- We Pursue >>> Gentleness

- To pursue requires a **daily choice**

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Fight the good fight of faith

- **The man of God is: A fighter >>> A contender >>>
A battler >>> A soldier**
- **Battling Against: The World >>> The Flesh >>> The Devil**

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This Fight Is A Fight For Truth

- *It is something worth fighting for*
- *We don't lay it down or give it up*
- *We fight for it!*

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The Man of God Takes Hold Of Eternal Life

What Is Eternal Life?

- ***Eternal life is more than endless existence. It consists of knowing God and Jesus Christ:***
- **John 17:3 (NIV) — 3** Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

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The Man of God Takes Hold Of Eternal Life

“Take Hold Of” >>>“to grasp >>>“*to take hold of, in order to make one’s own.*”

Eternal life is activated by placing faith in Christ

- *Taking hold -- by faith – at all costs*
- *Holding on -- no matter what*
- *Never releasing or letting go*

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Taking Hold Of Eternal Life

- *Get a grip on eternal life >>> Live in the light of eternity.*
- **(Col. 3:2)** *“Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth”*
- **(Phil. 3:20)** *...“our citizenship is in heaven”*
- ***Grab onto the eternal life that is already yours***
- ***“Ride it for all it’s worth”***