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Title: Too Soon To Quit
Topic: calling, spiritual warfare

1Tim1:17

17) having told his testimony, Paul erupts in praise! I know what he brought me

out of, the muck/mire, darkness, blasphemer, persecutor, can't hold back praise!

"invisible" that's a struggle for us, in a battle; hey, I can't see Him right now...

1Tim1:18-20 Reasons it's Too Soon To Quit!

18) what "charge"? v3 "teach no other doctrine" Tim had people in His church,

friends, turning from Truth, to fables, myths, lies, legends, distractions & unbelief…

Are you more interested in the rabbit hole or the Bible? Well…Blessed… (Ps1)

"good warfare" What fight? Ministry. Life…

Jn10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I

have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

"according to the prophecies" "by them…" there's a fight! Am I in the right fight?

1Tim4:14 "Do not neglect the gift that is in you (idk), which was given to you by

prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership." *repeated in 2Tim1:6*

• It sounds like a prophecy was spoken of Tim's calling!

What's prophecy…? 2 types:

• foretelling - speaking truth about the future

• forthtelling - speaking truth into a situation, heart, life

the purpose? "he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation" 1Cor14:3

Acts13:1-2 - the Holy Spirit had plans! Paul: easy for you, prayed & fasted!

Acts21:11-12 - there are many abuses - false auth - going beyond what God is

saying; don't ever put a person above your own walk w/ Jesus - right about what

was coming; wrong about what Paul should do

• What do we do? Be faithful to God - wait for Him to show you what to do!

Chuck Smith "Wisdom is knowing what to do with what you know"

• God's Word is infallible - the Spirit of Truth will not contradict the truth

Charlie: you are going to be a spiritual father to the fatherless; no idea what that

would look like, at 19! Couple mos later…small group, 2pk's…45 kids! Several

responded to the Gospel.

Profound impact on me - there's a calling - Anything the Spirit calls you to, He will

also empower you to do! Put your hand to the plow and don't look back!

19) "having faith" belief matters, impacts behavior! ie. gravity, planes, bike jumps;

if I believe Jesus is coming soon…not living for leisure/$, heavenly riches, right?

Rom10:17 “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

By hearing the Word - flesh complains vs God’s Word, the more you listen, I’ve

heard this before, I’m tired of hearing of hearing truth, angry & hostile

Prov30:5 “Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in

Him.” *the Word protects - teaches right thoughts/attitudes; confronts wrong ones*

“good conscience” Gk scholar: co-perception, you have a helper, Holy Spirit’s

voice: “that’s a lie…I have Living Water” good conscience = I listen!

“rejected” = thrown it away, don’t want to hear about it anymore!

John Stott “Deliberate disobedience kills spiritual life”

“suffered shipwreck” salvation? Suffering…lost, broken, life lacks purpose…price!

20) “Hymenaeus” “Alexander” who are they? There are a couple diff Alexanders

(Acts, 2Tim); we aren’t sure if this is the same guy. “Hymenaeus” is likely…

2Tim2:17 “their message will spread like cancer” *others are shipwrecked too!*

1Cor5:5 “deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit

may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.” *sexual involved w/ his mother in law -*

they didn’t see anything wrong w/ it - if following sin is what you want go! Why?

“learn” church discipline: step down from elder, teaching, fellowship

Eph6:12-13 - *there’s a fight - not vs flesh & blood! Dimension: rulers of darkness,*

powers of evil. How many lives have been destroyed? Love of self…of $ $? Lust?

You bench press 400lbs, images on your phone crumple you up, that lady talks to

you, start babbling, and, Prov: follow her like an ox to slaughter.

• It’s bc in a spiritual battle vs darkness you need the power of Light!

Eph6:13-17 - Anything Satan throws at you, God has the strength you need to

stand! Many have no idea they’re in a battle! The worlds’s dark…oh well!!

• *Truth* - keeps my pants up, and my armor on! Ties the breastplate down, under

garments in place so I can run, holds weapons. So I’m not fooled by a lie!

• *Righteousness* - can’t be earned, it’s a gift! Guard your heart - truth exposes the

lies of darkness! Are you knowingly letting the darkness sneak in!?

• *Gospel of Peace* - soldiers wore cleated footwear for the battle! My confidence

is in the cross - He took my place, no condemnation - confidence in His victory!

• *Faith* - rejecting His Word leaves me exposed! Gullable is fun!

• *Salvation* - a head injury is fatal; my hope of salvation keeps life in perspecitive!

The tricky thing about deception - deceived people don’t think they’re deceived!

“sword of the Spirit” Gk *machaira*, an 18in blade, not the big huge Roman sword,

stored on the left side of the body, for quick, close, hand to hand combat

Lily: don’t feel bad for me…I’m gonna beat you! That’s hand to hand combat;

when you’re in the Word, in communion, you have vs coming right from the heart!

• Jesus is our best example? Fasting, hungry, temptation - just turn the stones

into bread! Ya, I got baptized, ever since I’ve been hungry, tired, stressed, why

shouldn’t I? I just want bread? Maybe you’re feeling dry…what would satisfy?!

Jesus: “man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds…”

Satan questions, did God really say? Believe? He wants to steal from you the

weapon God gave you to defeat his scheme to destroy you.

How many spam phone calls? Likely fraud? Text messages: click here to receive

your payment? It was good to meet you? We should get together later?

Satan doesn’t wear a devil costume - creeps in, a sniper, cyber attacks… Truth!

• Loneliness is 1 of the greatest battles of our time! Risks premature death as

much as 15 cigs/day! 29% increased risk of heart disease; 50%… dementia!

The longer you’re disconnected, the harder it is to believe others care[1]

Jesus: Love one another. *Be the person you want others to be to you!*

How many are in a battle today? Depression? Temptation? Confusion? Marriage? Stand? Pray?

Communion - joining ourselves to Christ, we join His body, His people

Big Idea: spiritual battle, Fight the Good Fight

By Prophecy (18)

Faith and Obedience (19)

The Cost of Unbelief (20)