

Sermon Discussion Guide

01.28.24 Message | Tyler Myers | 1 Timothy 6:12-14

Key Scripture:

“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. 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, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- 1 Timothy 6:12-14

Message Highlights:

- “Happiness is not about reaching your goals. It’s about aligning your goals with your values. Progress without purpose is empty. Achievement without impact is fleeting. Success is most rewarding when it serves the people and principles that matter to you.”
- Adam Grant
 - “We become what we BEHOLD. We shape our tools, and thereafter our tools shape us.”
- Marshall McLuhan
 - Accountability is where we go to anchor ourselves in the call of God.
 - Paul doesn't just charge Timothy to happy feelings, a successful life or survive a hard world; he charges him with the good confession.
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CONVERSATION STARTER

- Have you ever had a mentor or accountability partner? If so, what motivated you to seek that relationship, and what specific benefits did you experience from having such a partner?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE

- How has the Spirit spoken to you through this section of God’s Word?

THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

- What does it mean to “fight the good fight of the faith”? How does this concept resonate with the broader biblical understanding of spiritual warfare?
- What does it look like to “take hold of eternal life”? Read 2 Peter 1:5,10-11. How does this passage of scripture impact what it means to “take hold” of eternal life?
- Reflect on the significance of making a “good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” How does publicly confessing faith relate to personal and communal aspects of Christian life?
- Explore the relationship between making a good confession and the subsequent divine charge. How might the act of confessing faith lead to a sense of responsibility and commitment to the charge given by God?

THINK LIFE CHANGE (Does your group recognize the personal implications for them as individuals?)

Tyler emphasized in his message that there is great value in having wise Christian voices in your life.

- How can individuals foster a sense of accountability in their journey of "fighting the good fight of the faith"? What structures or practices contribute to personal accountability in the pursuit of faithfulness?
- What other ways can you actively engage in the "good fight of the faith" in your daily life? What specific adjustments or commitments can be made to enhance personal faithfulness?
- In light of the divine charge mentioned in the passage, what adjustments can individuals make to ensure that they keep the commandment "unstained and free from reproach"? How does this impact daily decision-making?

THINK ENGAGE (Does your group know how to apply the challenge?)

- Identify some ways believers can actively encourage one another in "fighting the good fight of the faith." Share examples of mutual support and ways to engage fellow believers in this journey.
- How can believers collectively set and pursue goals for taking hold of the eternal life to which they are called?

THINK EXPAND (Does your group recognize the missional implications for those we want to reach for Christ?)

- How does being "charged" by Paul and the Lord impact how we approach each day?
- What are some ways in which our lives would be altered if we took to heart the charge that was given to us? If you believe you are taking that "charge" to heart daily, how has it impacted your life?

THINK KINGDOM (Does your group understand the overarching Kingdom, that the work we do is bigger than ourselves?)

- In what ways does taking hold of eternal life connect with a broader Kingdom perspective? How can the pursuit of eternal life contribute to advancing the Kingdom agenda?
- If you and I chose to take hold of the "charge" to "fight the good fight" differently than we already have, what kind of eternal impact could it have on our lives and the lives of others around us?