

**Keep The Faith** 

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# **Fight the Good Fight**

## 1 Timothy 1:18-19

"Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may **fight the good fight**, **holding on to faith and a good conscience**. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith."

### 2 Timothy 4:5-7

"But you, **keep your head in all situations, endure hardship**, **do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.** For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. **I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.**"

## 1 Timothy 6:12

"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."

#### Matthew 16:24-26

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple **must deny themselves** and **take up their cross** and **follow me.** For whoever wants to **save their life will lose it,** but whoever **loses their life for me will find it**. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

#### Hebrews 2:1

"We must pay careful attention, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away."

#### Hebrews 3:12-13

"See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." Hebrews 11:6 - "without Faith it is impossible to please God." Romans 10:17 - "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." James 2:17 - "Faith without works is dead."

I John 5:4 - "This is the victory that has overcome the world even our *Faith*." Ephesians 6:16 - "Take up the shield of *Faith* by which you can extinguish the flaming darts of the evil one." (I Thessalonians 5:8; I Timothy 1:19; 6:12; Hebrews 10:22)

## Know your Enemy

## I Peter 5:8

"Be sober-minded and alert. Your adversary **the devil** prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

### Ephesians 6:12-13

"For our struggle is **not against flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God..."

### Finish the Course. With a good conscience.

## **Be intentional**

**Galatians 6:9** - "and let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time you will reap if we don't grow weary."

I Corinthians 9:24 - "...run in such a way as to win."

**Philippians 2:16** - "...holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ Jesus I may have cause to glory because I did not run in vain or toil in vain."

**Philippians 3:14** - "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

**Hebrews 12:1** - "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."