



May 24th Owen Tarantino

1 Timothy 6:11-16

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² 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. 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, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ 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.

How do you want to grow in Christ?

What will it take?

How does God call us to grow in our relationship with Christ...

• **Remember who we are – children of God**

See vs.11 - What does this mean? / What other verses point us to this reality? / How can we embrace this each day?

• **Remember how we are called to live – intentionally striving for growth in grace**

See vs.12-15)– How is there confusion between our salvation in Christ (Justification) and our growth in Christ (sanctification)?
What are the active words that call us to grow in this section? How can you and I be more active in seeking growth in grace?

• **Remember who calls us – leads us to worship**

See vs. 15-16 – Why does knowing who God is impact the way we live? How have you seen this in your growth? How does our salvation and growth in Christ naturally lead us toward worship?

What's one way you can engage in seeking to grow in your relationship with Christ this week?



May 17th Hugh Barlett

Jonah 4 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ² And he prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. ³ Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the Lord said, “Do you do well to be angry?” ⁵ Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. ⁶ Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” ⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Do you do well to be angry for the plant?” And he said, “Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ And the Lord said, “You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

Repentance means relinquishment & realignment

Anger seeps in & seethes in his soul

- **Demeaning: I told you so**
- **Demanding: I want my way**
- **Moody in the moment: Delighted, Despairing**
- **Argumentative: Stubborn**
- **Blinded to the bigger picture**

God asks us to surrender our control

God invites us to a deeper trust

God calls us to a wider mercy

How do we see anger in our own life?

Why is it so hard to relinquish control of circumstances?

How does God use blessing and difficulties to renew our hearts?

How is God’s compassion to Nineveh so challenging to Jonah?

How has God opened your eyes to your own need for mercy?

How has God begun to realign us with His mission of making disciples and restoring all things in heaven and earth?