

sermon notes

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September 24, 2023 | “A Call to Arms” | **1 Timothy 6:11-16**

Four strategies for spiritual warfare:

1. _____ (6:11a)
2. _____ (6:11b)
3. _____ (6:12)
4. _____ (6:13-16)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read 1 Timothy 6:11-12. What are the “things” (verse 11) that Paul wants Timothy to flee from? What are the things that he wants him to pursue instead?

Why does Paul instruct Timothy to “fight the good fight of the faith?” Is following Christ a call to fight? If so, what (who?) are we fighting? Do you think of Christianity that way? Or do you think of it as a kind of carefree existence that makes your life comfortable, easy, and self-indulgent?

Read 1 Timothy 6:13-16. Paul breaks out into spontaneous doxology in verses 14-16. What are some theological truths about God that are conveyed in this passage? Why is it important to have the right view of God’s glory and power? What can result if our view of God is diminished or minimized in any way?

GET PERSONAL

How can Christians pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness? Are you personally pursuing these things? If so, how? What area do you need to grow in?

Paul gives Timothy commands that involve both flight and fight. Is flight a strategy in spiritual warfare? Can you think of some examples from the Bible? When is it appropriate to stand and fight a temptation? When is it appropriate to run?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Look up Scriptures in the Bible that speak on the topic of spiritual warfare. Use the following website to help you:

https://www.openbible.info/topics/spiritual_warfare

Make a list of the weapons and strategies God has equipped us with to engage in spiritual warfare. How might you make use of these in your battle against sin, the devil, and your flesh?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Paul says in 1 Timothy 6:11, “But as for you [singular] O man of God [Timothy], flee these things.” Paul calls Timothy a “man of God,” and tells him to flee sin and pursue righteousness. Is this command exclusive to Timothy as a leader in the church? Should we universalize this principle for all men? For men and women both? Are there certain struggles that are unique to men that maybe Paul was zeroing in on in this passage? See the following article at the Desiring God website for more on this issue:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/men-of-faith-are-men-who-fight>