



**The Good Fight of Faith**  
**1 Timothy 6:11-21**  
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**Introduction**

In this text God provides us with three characteristics of “a person of God.”

**The Text: 1 Timothy 6:11-21**

*<sup>11</sup> But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. <sup>20</sup> O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” <sup>21</sup> for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.*

**In his closing exhortation, Paul provides us with three characteristics of “a person of God.”**

(1) They “pursue” the fruits of the spiritual life (v. 11).

<u>CONDUCT</u>		<u>VIRTUE</u>		<u>HABIT</u>
<b>Righteousness</b> (connected to God)	→	<b>Faith</b> (submission)	→	<b>Steadfastness</b> (endurance)
<b>Godliness</b> (committed to God)	→	<b>Love</b> (service)	→	<b>Gentleness</b> (empathy)

(2) They “take hold of the eternal life” (v. 12).

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace*

(3) They are “rich in good works” (v. 18).

**Response**

Fight the good fight of faith, the battle for a life fully connected and committed to God.

## Sunday Text Questions for 1 Timothy 6:11-21 (“Entrusted to You” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: How would you describe “a person of God?”
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) V. 11 commands us to pursue six spiritual conducts and virtues. How does a Christian “pursue” such things in their spiritual life?
- 4) As we live in an age of anger, how might “gentleness” (v. 11) serve as a blessing to the church and the community in which we live?
- 5) What is “the good fight of faith” in v. 12, and how is it different than the culture wars?
- 6) Read vv. 13-16. How is Paul using the example of Christ to encourage Timothy to fight the good fight of faith and to take hold of the eternal life?
- 7) Why does Scripture give so many warnings to the wealthy, and how should we personally receive such warnings from God in vv. 17-19?
- 8) How can you obey v. 18: “do good, be rich in good works, ... be generous and ready to share?”
- 9) What is v. 20a commanding you to do and v. 20b commanding you not to do?
- 10) The last four words in v. 21, “Grace be with you,” is a common closing (like “goodbye”) that is transformed by Christianity (“grace”). How might (or do) we say goodbye today in a way that reflects our faith and hope in God’s goodness and grace?

**Further study this week:** Passages on the characteristics of a Christian: Galatians 5 (Mon); Philippians 4:8-9 (Tues); Romans 5:1-5 (Wed); Romans 12:1-2 (Thurs); 2 Peter 1:3-11 (Fri).