

Series "Entrusted With The Truth"
"Fight The Good Fight"
1 Timothy 1:18-20
Study-4

1 Tim 1:18 – you may fight the good fight, "the entire war fought throughout one's lifetime, not just an isolated battle"

Jude 1:3

Ephesians 6:11-13

1 Timothy 1 – Deals with The Importance of Maintaining "True or Sound Doctrine" and "Refuting False Doctrine."

Paul's Testimony Contrasts the Glory of the true Gospel with the Emptiness of the False Doctrine!

1. Verses 18-19 – Accept The Charge

2. Verses 19-20 – Beware Of The Enemies

1. Verses 18-19 – Accept The Charge:

1 Tim 1:18

1 Tim 1:17

Mark 9:2-29

1 Tim 1:1

Paul Became An Apostle by "Commandment"; "commandment": word is a military term, literally means "upon the order or rank of"

"commandment" – "a royal commission"

1 Timothy 1:3 – "instruct"; (Charge, Command)

1 Timothy 1:5 – "But the goal of our instruction"; (Charge, Command)

command – The term suggests "the transfer of commands from a superior officer to a subordinate"; "an urgent command handed down from a superior officer"

"entrust, commit" – literally means "to place beside"

Used of setting food before others (Mark 6:41; 8:6-7; I Cor. 10:27)

Used of the commitment of the spirit to God (I Peter 4:19)

Used in proclamation of spiritual teaching (Matt. 13:24; Acts 17:3)

Used in the business world; A deposit left for safekeeping Luke 12:48

2 Timothy 1:12

Special Father-Son Relationship – “Timothy, my son,”: “my child”

1 Kings 3:7

1 Corinthians 14:20

1. Standard of the Charge: “in accordance with the prophecies”

Acts 16:1-3

2 Timothy 1:6-7

1 Timothy 4:14

Paul also reminded Timothy that God had chosen him for his ministry; 1) Timothy was given a gift, 2) prophetic utterance was made, 3) Paul and the elders laid hands on him.

Acts 13:1-3

2. Purpose of the Charge: “that by them you may fight the good fight,”

“fight the good fight,” – “war a good warfare”; good – “noble, excellent, or virtuous”; The emphasis of this military term is on “the entire war fought throughout one’s lifetime, not just an isolated battle.” The English word “strategy” is based upon this Greek term.

1 Timothy 6:12

2 Timothy 2:4

This War Must Be Conducted In The Realm Of Spiritual Truth: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

1 Tim 1:19

3. The Charge Is Up Close & Personal: “keeping faith and a good conscience,”

How To Fight The Good Fight: 2 Essential Qualities Were Needed:

1. Timothy Was to “Hold” or “Keep Faith” – “the body of truth” (Word of God, Right Doctrine, a Correct Knowledge of God and Christ, The Gospel) Objective Truth – Doctrinal Purity

John 17:17

2. Timothy Needed “Good Conscience” – (Result of a pure life, Holy Life, One’s belief that behaves; Accuses or Excuses) Subjective Truth – Purity of Life.

James 1:22

1 Corinthians 4:3-4

Good Doctrine, A Good Conscience, Is Essential To A Good Warfare and a Good Ministry. 1 Timothy 4:16

2. Verses 19-20 – Beware Of The Enemies:

1 Tim 1:19

1 Timothy 1:3 instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines,

2 Characteristics Of The False Teachers' Sin Are Set Forth:

1. Their Willful Rejection: “which some have rejected” – “put away, to push someone or something away, violently and deliberately”

Bad Behavior Leads To Bad Doctrine.

2. The Consequence For Error: “and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.” Shipwreck – “a ship broken to pieces”; We speak of “shattered Lives”

John 7:17

1 Tim 1:20

Names of the False Teachers: Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander

1. "Hymenaeus" – Mentioned only twice in New Testament, 2 Timothy 2: 16-18
2. "Alexander" – Several men bear this name in New Testament, 2 Timothy 4: 14

Paul's Discipline of the False Teachers:

1 John 5: 19

Ephesians 2: 1-2

Colossians 1: 13

1 Corinthians 5: 5

"so that they may be taught" – corrective, not punitive. The word taught "learn", "to learn by discipline"

2 Thessalonians 3: 14-15

"not to blaspheme." – "slander God, misrepresent divine truth, to speak evil of God"

Application:

1. Christianity Is The Abundant Life Which Includes A Life-Long War To Be Fought, Not Just An Isolated Battle
2. We Must Preach The Gospel, And At The Same Time Teach The Converted The Truths Of The Christian Life
3. We Must Keep The Faith, (The Objective Truth – Doctrinal Purity) But Also A Good Conscience, (Subjective Truth – Purity of Life)
4. Calvary Chapel Rialto's Mission Statement: To Exalt The Lord, To Edify His People, To Evangelize The World