

I Timothy 6:11-16
Standing Firm – Part 1

Flee from all of this (11) – (II Timothy 2:22)

The instruction is to flee, not to flirt with these things (Eph. 5:3) – not even a hint

Putting godlessness away (Hebrews 12:1)

Dealing with our sin + removing hindrances – nothing to hinder our walk

Pursuing what is good (replacement (Ephesians 4:22-29)

Seeking what pleases Him (Eph. 5:9-10) – pursue, don't wait for them

Righteousness (Romans 10:3) – ***not ours but His by faith (Rom. 3:21)***

Godliness (Psalm 32:6) – ***praying my life will honor Him who protects us***

Faith (Galatians 5:6) – ***demonstrated through our love for others***

Love (I Corinthians 13:13) – ***how we can be known as His (Jn. 13:33-34)***

Endurance (James 1:2-4) – ***the path toward maturity in Christ***

Gentleness (Philippians 4:5) – ***that we learned from Jesus (Mt. 11:29)***

Fight the good fight (12) – ***unwilling to compromise His truth***

Taking a stand – bold confession (Mark 8:38)

Jesus 1st: before my pleasure, freedom, security, and life

True to who you are (and Whose you are) – holding on to your faith (I John 3:1-3)

We are His children, unknown to the world, waiting to see Him face to face

Faithful to the only true God (13-16) – ***His faithfulness keeps me and sustains me***

Who gives life (Acts 3:15 / Hebrews 12:2)

He is the author and the finisher of my life and faith

Who took a stand before Pilate (John 18:33-37; 19:8-11)

He cannot deny Himself and we are His (II Timothy 2:13)

Who commands you to follow Him – until He appears (Mark 8:34)

Denying ourselves and taking up our cross – dead to self and alive to God

Who is the only Ruler – King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:16)

He has authority over all – every knee shall bow before Him

Who alone is immortal

We are mortal – given immortality in Him (I Corinthians 15:51-53)

Who lives in unapproachable light (Exodus 33:21-23)

No man can see the fulness of His glory and live – until we are changed

Discussion questions for I Timothy 6:11-16

From what sins do we run and before what sins do we stand? Why? (I Timothy 6:11 / II Timothy 2:12 / I Corinthians 6:18; 11:13-14 / Ephesians 6:13-14) – ***Sexual immorality and greed (covetousness) are the most warned about sins in the N.T. We cannot serve God and money and to sin sexually is to sin against your own body and involve Jesus in our actions. We can, with the Lord's help, stand against temptations that come our way. In His strength we can stand against the devil's schemes, so put on the armor of God.***

Why is it better to focus on what we pursue than what we are to avoid? (Romans 7:7-8, 14-15 / Ephesians 4:23-24 / I Thessalonians 1:9-10) – ***When thinking about the things we ought to avoid, our sin nature draws us toward those very things, so that we end up doing the very things we did not want to do. Our old self must be put off and our new self – creating to be like God (Eph. 5:1) – must be put on. We must turn to God, only then can we turn from idols. And we must pursue the things that are from above, replacing our old habits and pursuits.***

How practically do we fight the good fight? (Job 3-4 / I Timothy 6:12-14 / I Corinthians 9:24-27 / II Timothy 4:6-8) ***We are to contend for the faith (the embodiment of all that we believe and are taught in Scripture). We must be on our guard against all false teaching – especially that which suppresses truth and promotes ungodliness. We are not to be seduced by man's teaching or so called science or wisdom, but to trust the infallible Word of God. We are to discipline our lives and train ourselves for the race He has given to us. We must grow in our faith through our walk with Him to the very end.***

Why must we be faithful to the only true God?

(John 14:6) – ***He is the only source of life***

(II Corinthians 5:10) – ***He is the one to whom we must give account for everything we do***

(Mark 8:34-38) – ***He gives us purpose, and it can only be found if we die to ourselves***

(II Corinthians 8:2-5) – ***He is the only one who is worthy of all that we have***

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