I Timothy 6:17-21 Standing Firm – Part 2

Firm foundation (17-19) – (Psalm 119:89-91) – Not our resources but our God & His Word

Shaky ground (Hebrews 12:26-29) – He will shake everything, the only safe place is Him

Arrogance over my own accomplishments (Deuteronomy 8:17)

All that I have and all that I've done is from Him (I Corinthians 4:6-7)

Affluence – trusting in what is so uncertain (Proverbs 23:4-5)

It can all disappear very quickly

Solid ground (Hebrews 6:18-20) – He is the anchor of my soul – stand with Jesus

Trusting our provider (Matthew 6:27-34)

He knows and takes care of our needs – seek Him 1st.

Taking time to enjoy His blessings (Ecclesiastes 5:10)

Appreciate what He has blessed you with rather than seeking more Safe practices (Proverbs 18:10) – running to Him, honoring His Name

Generosity (II Corinthians 9:6-11)

You cannot out-give God – be generous and cheerful in giving Good deeds (Galatians 6:9-10 / Hebrews 13:15-16)

Do not become weary in well doing – it is an offering to Him

Fortress (20-21) (Psalm 18:1-3) - there is no safer place than the center of God's will

Guarding what you have been entrusted with (II Timothy 1:12)

Holding on to our faith and trusting in His Word

Godless chatter avoided – that which is falsely called knowledge (I Cor. 1:20-25)

There is no knowledge without acknowledging Christ our Savior

Grace be with you – our only source of security (Psalm 62:1-2/Galatians 2:20-21)

We are kept by Him and we can only truly live in Him

Discussion questions for I Timothy 6:17-21)

Compare and contrast the world's view of "solid ground" with what we are taught in God's Word. (Philippians 4:18-19 / II Corinthians 9:6-8 / Romans 8:38-39 / II Peter 1:3-4 / I Corinthians 1:20-21; 3:18-20 / Luke 12:4-7 / Psalm 27:1-3 / Job 36:26-28 / Matthew 8:26-27) Financial Security? "My God will meet all your needs" Emotional Security? "Nothing can separate us from His love" Good education? "He has given us everything we need for life and godliness" Protection? "The LORD is the stronghold of my life" Climate change? "Even the wind and the waves obey Him"

How can we test ourselves to see if we are standing on solid ground? (Hebrews 6:17-20; 10:32-35; 11:13-16 / I Peter 1:13 / I Timothy 6:17-19) Where are we looking to find security? Do our interest focus mainly on the temporary things of earth or the eternal things God has promised to us. Is Jesus your anchor? Are you living for this life or for the next? Do we shrink back when faced with persecution or trials? Are we generous with the blessings God has bestowed upon us? Is are life marked by good deeds that are pleasing to our Lord?

How do we guard ourselves from worldly philosophies? (Colossians 2:6-8 / Philippians 3:13-17 / I Corinthians 2:1-2 / Psalm 111:10; 119:89) Be sure that are life is rooted and being built up in Christ (grow in His Word). Be skeptical of human teachings and philosophies (everything tested by Scripture). Keep your focus ahead, on reaching the goal Christ has set before us. Don't get distracted from that goal. Rather, join with others who follow the same example. Always be mindful of our Savior Jesus and what the cross means to us. Learn the fear of the Lord (see Proverbs 2:1-5). Invest in the eternal Word of God.

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