

MAN OF GOD

I TIMOTHY 6:11

Four Challenges for All of Us

Challenge #1 - Flee and Pursue (11)

Flee: Materialism and False Teaching [2 Tim. 2:22]

Pursue:

- [1] Righteousness [Proverbs 15:9]
- [2] Godliness - Attitude of Worship [I Timothy 4:7-8]
- [3] Faith [Hebrews 11:6]
- [4] Love [Mark 12:30-31]
- [5] Steadfastness [I Corinthians 15:58]
- [6] Gentleness [Ephesians 4:1-3]

Challenge #2 - Fight the Good Fight (12a)

Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. [I Corinthians 9:25]

Challenge #3 - Take Hold [Claim] of Your Eternal Life (12b)

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. [Philippians 3:12]

Challenge #4 - Keep the Commandment Unstained . . . (13-16)

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. [John 17:15-19]

Discussion Questions/Prayer

1. Read I Timothy 6:5-6. In what ways are we tempted to treat godliness as a means of personal gain rather than as a path to Christlike contentment?
2. Read I Timothy 6:11. Which of the six virtues in this verse do you most need to pursue more intentionally right now, and what would that look like this week?
3. Pray, asking God to guard your heart from false teaching and the love of money; to teach you to be content with what He has provided; and for help to flee from temptation and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness.

[I Timothy 6:2b] ...Teach and urge these things. [4:1, 13, 5:7]

[I Timothy 6:3-5] If anyone teaches a different doctrine [1:3] and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness [1:10], he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. [1:7, 1 Cor. 8:2] He has an unhealthy craving for controversy [1:4, 2 Tim. 2:23, Titus 3:9] and for quarrels about words, [2 Tim. 2:14, Acts 18:15] which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, ⁵ and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, [2 Tim. 3:8, Ephesians 4:22, Titus 1:15] imagining that godliness is a means of gain [Titus 1:11, 2 Pet. 2:3]

[I Timothy 6:6-8] ⁶ But godliness [4:8] with contentment is great gain, [Psalm 37:16, Proverbs 15:16, 16:8, Philippians 4:11, Hebrews 13:5] ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. [Job 1:21, Psalm 49:17, Ecclesiastes 5:15] ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. [Genesis 28:20, Proverbs 30:8]

[I Timothy 6:9-10] ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, [Proverbs 15:27, 23:4, 28:20, Matthew 13:22] into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires [3:7] that plunge people into ruin and destruction. [1:19] ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. [Exodus 23:8, Deuteronomy 16:19] It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

The Road to Spiritual Degradation [I Timothy 6:9-10]

- 1] Temptation
- 2] Snare [G: *paggis* - trap]
- 3] Senseless [G: non-thinking] and Harmful Desires [Passions/Lust]
- 4] Ruin and Destruction

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[I Timothy 6:11] But as for you, O man of God, [2 Tim. 3:17] flee these things. [2 Timothy 2:22] Pursue righteousness, [godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

[I Timothy 6:12-16] Fight the good fight of the faith. [1:18, I Corinthians 9:25] Take hold of the eternal life [Philippians 3:12] to which you were called [I Peter 5:10] and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. [2 Corinthians 9:13] ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, [5:21] who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate [Matthew 27:11, John 18:37, Revelation 1:5, Revelation 3:14] made the good confession, [6:12, 2 Corinthians 9:13] ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [2 Thessalonians 2:8] ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time [2:6] — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, [1:11] the King of kings and Lord of lords, [Rev. 7:14] ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, [1:7] who dwells in unapproachable light, [Psalm 104:2; Job 37:23] whom no one has ever seen or can see. [John 1:18] To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Happy FATHER'S Day!