

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

1 Timothy 6:12

Paul instructs Timothy, his “true child in the faith” (1 Timothy 1:2), to fight the good fight of faith.

1 Timothy 6:3-5

Paul describes those who are not walking by sound words and not conforming to godliness.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 Paul further warns of the love of money.

1 Timothy 6:11 FLEE FROM THESE THINGS!!!

Verbs used in verses 11 & 12. These are “fighting words.”

- “Flee” means to be saved by flight, to escape safely out of danger
- “Pursue” means to press on, to chase after, to persecute, to run after or follow after something or someone.
- “Fight” means to contend with adversaries; to struggle with difficulties and dangers; to endeavor with strenuous zeal; to strive.
- “Take Hold of” means to take possession of; to overtake, to lay hold of or seize upon anything with hands; to rescue one from peril.

We are in a spiritual fight (Ephesians 6:11).

1 Timothy 1:18 Fight the good fight.

This word “fight” means to make a military expedition, to lead soldiers to war or to battle (spoken of a commander).

1 Timothy 1:18 KJV

that thou by them mightiest war a good warfare,

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 This fight is compared to warfare.

This war is in our minds where we take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

2 Timothy was written around 66-67AD. This was the last writing of Paul, written at the end of his life. It is likely that Paul was imprisoned at this time during the persecution of Christians under the rule of the Roman Emperor, Nero.

2 Timothy 2:1-4 Suffer hardship as a good soldier.

No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life.

2 Timothy 2:7-13

If we die with him, we will live with him. If we endure, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us.

Paul’s final admonition at the end of his life

2 Timothy 4:1-8

Paul had fought the good fight. He finished the course. He kept the faith.