

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

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- 1 Timothy 6:11-16 (NKJV)
- 11. But you, **O man of God, flee these things** and **pursue** righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.
 - **O man of God** - an appointed leader of God's people; probably one whose life and beliefs are a testimony to the influence of God in his life. Disciplined in conforming Romans 8:29. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.
 - **Conformed: like natured** - similar in representative essence or nature to something else.
 - Ephesians 1:4. just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,
 - **predestined: to predetermine something ahead of time or before its occurrence.**
 - **flee these things** v 3-10 error and greed
 - **Pursue - to follow : to carry out or participate in an activity. to do with effort, to strive toward -Luke 13:23.** Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them, **24. "Strive** to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.
 - **Strive :to strain - fight - to exert much effort or energy (in something); conceived of as engaging in a fight or contest.**
 - Proverbs 15:9. The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, **But He loves him who follows** righteousness. Proverbs 21:21. He who **follows** righteousness and mercy Finds life, righteousness and honor.
- 12. **Fight** the **good fight** of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13. I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,
 - 2 Timothy 4:6-8; 6. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. **7. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.** 8. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.
 - The fight/effort of faith is good because it makes us strong; the effort of being reliant upon God's word = humility
 - 1 Timothy 1:18-19 18. This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, **according to the prophecies** previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, 19. **having** faith and a good conscience, **which** some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck.
 - **rejected : push aside - conceived of as moving something out of the way with force.**
 - The fight of faith is the good fight
 - **Having: retaining in the hand**

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- 14. that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,
- 15. which He will manifest in His own time, He **who is the blessed and only Potentate**, the King of kings and Lord of lords, **1 Timothy 1:17**. Now to the **King eternal**, immortal, invisible, to **God who alone is wise**, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.
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- 16. who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.
- Hebrews 11:32–35 (NKJV)
- 32. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:
- 33. who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
- 34. quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
- 35. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.
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