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The Good Fight of Faith

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1 Timothy 6:11-21

Introduction: **I.** He treats of the duty of servants (1 Timothy 6:1-2). **II.** Of false teachers (1 Timothy 6:3-5). **III.** Of godliness and covetousness (1 Timothy 6:6-10). **IV.** What Timothy was to flee, and what to follow (1 Timothy 6:11-12). **V.** A solemn charge (1 Timothy 6:13-16). **VI.** A charge for the rich (1 Timothy 6:17-19). And lastly, a charge to Timothy (1 Tim. 6:20-21). (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mhm/1-timothy-6.html>)

1 Timothy 6:1-10, Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the **name of God and his doctrine be NOT blasphemed (vilify [defame: harm or destroy the good fame or reputation of])**. And they that have believing masters, let them NOT despise them, because they are **brethren**; but rather DO them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort. If any man teach otherwise, and consent NOT to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is **PROUD**, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh **envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of MEN** of corrupt minds, and destitute of the **TRUTH**, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

But **godliness with contentment is great gain**. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having **food and raiment** let us **be therewith content**. But they that **WILL be rich** fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

Will defined 1014, be willing (desirous {anxious, GREEDY to possess and ENJOY}).

For the **LOVE OF MONEY** is the **root of all (all manner OF) evil**: which while **some** coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Love of money defined 5365, philarguria Pronounced: fil-ar-goo-ree'-ah: from 5366, AVARICE (an EXCESSIVE desire of GAIN; greediness after WEALTH.

1 Timothy 6:11, But thou, O **MAN** of God, **flee (run away, shun)** these things; and **follow after (PURSUE) righteousness (equity [right { conformity to the will of God, or to his law, the perfect standard of truth and justice}, IMPARTIALITY] of character or act)**, godliness, faith, love, patience, **meekness (gentleness, humility)**.

NOTE: O man of God ... The word "MAN" is **NOT** that distinguishing the MALE from the FEMALE, but the word which encompasses **ALL**. It means the person worshipping and serving God, as contrasted with the money-lovers just denounced.

Flee ... As White well said, "the love of money **in ministers** of religion **does MORE** to **discredit it** in the **eyes of ordinary people** than would indulgence in many grosser sins." (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bcc/1-timothy-6.html>)

1 Timothy 6:12, Fight the good fight of FAITH, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Faith defined 4102, pistis pis'-tis; persuasion; moral conviction (of religious truth, especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, CONSTANCY in such profession; assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

Romans 11:19-22, Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted IN. Well; because of **unbelief** they were broken OFF, and **thou standest by FAITH.** Be not highminded, but **FEAR (revere):** For if God spared NOT the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare NOT thee. Behold therefore the **GOODNESS** and **SEVERITY** (harshness, strictness)) of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **IF** thou **CONTINUE** IN his goodness: **otherwise** thou **ALSO** shalt be **CUT OFF.**

Hebrews 3:12-14, Take HEED, brethren, lest there be IN any of you an **evil heart of UNBELIEF,** in **departing FROM** the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be **hardened** through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, **IF** we hold the beginning of our **CONFIDENCE STEDFAST** unto the END...

Hebrews 6:4-6, For it is **IMPOSSIBLE** for those who were once **enlightened,** and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made **partakers** of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, **IF** they shall **fall away (apostatize** [renounce totally a religious BELIEF once professed]), to renew them again unto **repentance;** seeing they **CRUCIFY** to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

1 Timothy 4:1, Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times **SOME** shall DEPART from **the FAITH,** giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of **devils...**

NOTE: The **military** metaphor was a favorite of Paul's; putting on the whole armor of God, enduring HARDNESS as a **good soldier,** and many other references are made to it in his epistles.

Lay hold on the life eternal ... But was NOT **Timothy already saved?** **Indeed** he was, but the New Testament makes it starkly clear that **FIDELITY** (firm adherence to a PERSON with which one is united, loyalty) on the part of Christians is also required of them **IF** they really hope to enter heaven at last.

... In the primitive church, the **baptism** of an individual was a matter in which the church generally took an interest and part ... This explains the **"many witnesses"** of Timothy's good confession. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bcc/1-timothy-6.html>)

1 Timothy 6:13-14, I give thee **charge** in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who **before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;** That thou **keep** this **COMMANDMENT** without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ...

NOTE: ... **Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;** or rather "UNDER Pontius Pilate"; or, as the Arabic and Ethiopic versions render it, **"in the TIME of Pontius Pilate";** for this may refer NOT only to the confession Christ made in his presence, at his examination by him, when he owned himself to be a **King,** declared the nature of his kingdom, and signified that the end of his incarnation was to bear a testimony to the truth; but it may also **refer to the faithful, plain, and open witness**

Christ bore to truth throughout the **whole** of **his ministry**, UNDER Pontius Pilate, by his doctrine and miracles, and at last by his sufferings and death, which he endured under him; and this is mentioned for **Timothy's imitation**, and to encourage him, and all other saints, to hold fast the profession of their faith to the END.

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bcc/1-timothy-6.html>)

Thought 1. The COMMANDMENT of Jesus to which Paul is referring is ALSO his Father's to us under the New Covenant. The first part is to "believe" on Jesus. The second part, to LOVE as he LOVED, was spoken to the apostles just prior to his death on the cross, which is HOW he brought into force the New Covenant.

1 John 3:22-23, And whatsoever we ASK, we RECEIVE of him, because we KEEP his commandments, and **DO** those things that are pleasing in **his sight**. **And THIS is his COMMANDMENT**, That we should **BELIEVE** on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and **LOVE** one another, as HE gave us commandment.

Believe defined 4100, pisteuo pronounced *pist-yoo'-o* from 4102; to have FAITH in, by implication, to **ENTRUST (especially one's spiritual well-being to Christ).**

4102. pistis *pis'-tis*; persuasion, i.e. credence; moral conviction (of religious truth, especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstractly, **CONSTANCY in such profession; assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.**

1 Timothy 6:15-16, Which in his times **he** shall shew, [who is] the blessed and only **Potentate (RULER)**, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

Thought 1. When Yahweh resurrected Jesus (Yahshua), he EXALTED him to "RULER."

Philippians 2:8-11, And being found in fashion as a **MAN**, he **humbled himself**, and became obedient unto DEATH, even the DEATH of the CROSS. Wherefore God also hath **highly EXALTED him**, and given him a **name (authority)** which is **above every name**: That at the name of Jesus (Yahshua) every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ** is **LORD**, to the glory of God the Father.

Lord defined 2962. kurios pronounced *koo'-ree-os* from **kuros (supremacy); supreme in authority, i.e. (as noun) controller; by implication, Master (as a respectful title):- - God, LORD [one who has power and authority; a **RULER**.**

Thought 2. At first glance, it would seem the "supreme in authority" is the correct choice from the meanings offered. Yahweh, the Father is the "supreme in authority." However, when we consider Eph. 4:6 and other scriptures, where he addresses the Father, we see "LORD" is actually speaking of Jesus (Yahshua) the **"RULER."**

Ephesians 4:4-6, There IS **ONE body**, and **ONE Spirit**, even as ye are called in ONE hope of your calling; **One LORD...**

One God and **Father** of ALL, who is above all, and through all, and IN you all.

God defined 2316, the supreme (Highest in authority) **Divinity** (state of being divine; Deity).

1 Corinthians 8:6, But to US there is but **one God (supreme** (Highest in authority) **Divinity** (state of being divine; Deity)), **the Father**, of

whom are all things, and we in him; and **ONE Lord (RULER) Jesus Christ**, by whom are all things, and we by him.

1 Corinthians 15:24-27, Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. **For he (Jesus) must reign (RULE)**, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he (*God the Father*) hath put ALL things under his (*Jesus'*) feet. But when he saith, ALL things are put under him, it is **manifest (clear)** that **He (Father)** is **EXCEPTED**, which did put ALL things under him (*Jesus*).

1 Timothy 6:17, Charge them that are **rich** in this world, that they be NOT highminded, NOR TRUST in uncertain riches, but in the **living God, who giveth us richly all things to ENJOY...**

NOTE: Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy - Who NOT only has all good, but dispenses it liberally for the supply of the WANTS of all his creatures; and he does NOT give merely what is NECESSARY, but **he gives what tends to render life comfortable.** The comforts of life come from God, as well as the necessities. He not only gives us a bare subsistence, but he gives us enjoyments. Were it NOT for the oppression and rapine (act of plundering; violence) of wicked men, every situation and state in life would be comparatively comfortable. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/acc/1-timothy-6.html>)

John 15:7, If ye abide in me, and **my WORDS** abide in you, ye shall **ASK** what ye **will**, and it shall be **DONE** unto you.

1 John 5:14-15, And this is the **confidence** that we have in him, that, if we **ASK** any thing according to **his WILL**, **he HEARETH US:** And if we KNOW that he hear us, whatsoever we **ask**, we KNOW that we **HAVE** the **petitions** that we **desired** of him.

Thought 1. God's words, written or spoken REVEAL his will.

John 16:23-24, And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: **ASK**, and ye shall **RECEIVE**, that **YOUR JOY** may be **full**.

1 Timothy 6:18-19, That they **DO GOOD**, that they be **rich** in **GOOD WORKS**, ready to distribute, **WILLING** to **communicate**; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

NOTE: **Willing to communicate;** of their good things to the **necessities** of the **poor**, making them common to them, and them partakers of them. Some render the word "**sociable**", in opposition to that moroseness, stillness, and those haughty and forbidding airs, with which rich men are apt to treat the poor, when they should be affable (easy of conversation) and courteous to them, and admit them to a free conversation with them. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/geb/1-timothy-6.html>)

1 Timothy 6:20-21, O Timothy, **KEEP that** which is committed to **thy trust**, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and **oppositions** of **science falsely** so called: Which some professing have **erred** concerning the FAITH. Grace be with thee. Amen.

NOTE: That is, **the Gospel**, 1 Tim. 1:11 which is a **rich treasure** put into earthen vessels, and ought to be kept pure and uncorrupt, and FAITHFULLY dispensed, and diligently preserved, that so it may be continued genuine and sincere... **oppositions of science falsely so called;** the false teachers boasted of their science and knowledge, but it was NOT true, solid, spiritual, and saving... (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bnb/1-timothy-6.html>)