

November 3, 2013
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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1 Timothy 6:11-16

“The Man of God”

- I. The Prologue (1:1-20)
- II. The Body (2:1-6:19)
 - A. Paul’s Instruction concerning Conduct in the Church (2:1-3:16)
 - B. Paul’s Instruction to Timothy concerning His Personal Ministry (4:1-6:19)
 - 1. Timothy’s Attention to Himself and His Teaching (4:1-16)
 - 2. Timothy’s Relationships with Groups in the Church (5:1-25)
 - 3. Paul’s Final Instruction to Timothy (6:1-19)
 - a. Timothy’s Instruction to Slaves (6:1-2)
 - b. Timothy’s Awareness of False Teachers (6:3-10)

c. Timothy’s Proper Pursuits (6:11-15)

1) The Man of God

a) A _____ - v. 11

b) A _____ - v. 12a

c) A _____ - v. 12b

d) A _____ - v. 13-15a

Discussion Questions:

1. Look up the phrase “man of God” in the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 33:1; 1 Chron. 23:14; 2 Chron. 30:16; Ezra 3:2; Ps. 90:1; Judges 13:6, 8). Who was this phrase applied to in the Old Testament? Who is it applied to in the New Testament (cf. 2 Tim. 3:16-17)? What does it mean to be a man “of” (belonging to; the possession of) God? Why would Paul apply that term to Timothy in the context of 1 Timothy and a section on false teachers?
2. What are the things that Timothy is supposed to run away from in 1 Timothy 6? What other biblical passages come to mind when you hear the word “flee”? [Examples: Joseph & Potiphar’s wife. If you have taken Financial Peace University think of “gazelle intensity.”] What would it look like in practical terms for a pastor to flee from the things in 1 Timothy 6?
3. To “flee” is to run away from. To “pursue” is to run to. What are some other ways to describe this in the life of a believer? (See Eph. 4 & Col. 3)
4. Define the following words:
 - a. Righteousness
 - b. Godliness
 - c. Faith
 - d. Love
 - e. Perseverance
 - f. Gentleness
5. What would it look like practically to PURSUE each of those character qualities? What is your plan today to do that?
6. In what sense is a pastor (believer) to be a fighter? What three things are we supposed to fight? What is the good fight of “the faith”? What does this mean in the context of 1 Timothy? How does this specifically apply to a pastor? How does the armor of God (Eph. 6) apply to this fight?
7. What does it mean to “take hold of the eternal life to which you were called” mean? Doesn’t Timothy already have eternal life? How does one take hold of it? Does a person have to let go of something in order to take hold of eternal life? What does Paul say about this in Phil. 3?
8. Paul charges Timothy to persevere as an obedient follower of Jesus (v. 14) and he uses God and Christ Jesus as witnesses. Look at the descriptions of God and Christ Jesus in v. 13. Why does Paul use those specific descriptions to support his point? Why would it be important for Timothy to be reminded that God the Father gives life and that Christ Jesus made a good confession even though it cost Him His life?
9. How long is Timothy supposed to remain faithful to God and the Gospel? What is he supposed to keep his eyes on to help in the fight? Why add the phrase in v. 15 “which He will bring about at the proper time”? Is God’s timing always our timing? Is God’s timing the proper timing? How does that help you when things aren’t going well and/or you are being severely persecuted?
10. Of the four main descriptions of a man of God (runner, fighter, wrestler, and martyr) which one(s) do you need to grow in the most? What will be your plan this week? What spiritual disciplines will help you the most? To whom will you be accountable to grow so you can stand against the tide of false teaching and proclaim the truth of the Gospel to this generation?