

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for February 21-22, 2004

"The Prescription for Timothy"

1 Timothy 1:18-20

1. The Responsibility

a. The charge: "fight the good fight"

This phrase has the imagery of the military.

Successful warfare requires:

- Commitment
- Capacity
- Continuing

The phrase "fight the good fight" refers to our battle to maintain faith (1 Timothy 1:18; 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:7).

b. The confidence: "I entrust to you"

This phrase has the imagery of banking.

Faith is in things not seen

- John 20:29
- 2 Corinthians 5:7
- Hebrews 11:1
- 1 Peter 1:8

2. The Resource

a. The prophecies to Timothy (cf. 1 Timothy 4:14)

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b. The prophecies to us (cf. 2 Peter 1:19-21)

3. The Realm

a. Our character

The good fight of faith includes a good conscience (1 Timothy 1:19; cf. 1 Timothy 1:5; 3:9; Romans 14:23)

The good fight of faith includes the pursuit of righteousness (1 Timothy 6:11-12)

The good fight of faith includes endurance (2 Timothy 4:7)

The good fight of faith saves us from the shipwreck of our faith. We maintain our faith by:

- A good conscience
- God's Word

b. Our church

1) Who we are to discipline

People who oppose the teaching of God's Word and disrupt the faith of some must be confronted.

2) How we are to discipline

The phrase "delivered over to Satan" means to remove them from the church, leaving them only to relationships with the world (cf. 1 Corinthians 5:5).

3) Why we are to discipline

The primary reason for discipline is to instruct the individual (1:20). The secondary reason for discipline is to protect the church (1 Corinthians 5:5-6).

Fighting the good fight of faith requires choices in light of our faith (cf. Hebrews 11:24-26)