

# *Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

## **Sermon Notes for April 2-3, 2005**

### **"The Good Fight of Faith"**

#### **1 Timothy 6:11-16**

#### **1. Our means for the good fight of faith (6:11-12a)**

This section speaks to how we fight the good fight.

- a. We need to flee the love of riches.
- b. We need to follow a life of righteousness.
- c. We need a firm lasting resolve.

#### **2. Our motivation for the good fight of faith (6:12b-14)**

This section speaks to why we fight the good fight.

##### a. Our calling

Knowing how we entered the fight of faith helps us to endure the fight of faith (2 Timothy 1:8-9).

##### b. Our confession

The more we acknowledge our faith, the more accountable we are to our faith (Hebrews 10:23-25).

##### c. Our charge

- We live in God's presence
- We live because of God's power

Knowing our dependence upon God helps our determination to fight the good fight of faith (James 4:14-17).

##### d. Our case study

Jesus' confession before Pilate focused on Himself:

- His mission (John 18:36)
- His majesty (John 18:37)
- His might (John 19:11)

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The example of Jesus encourages us in the fight of faith (1 Peter 2:21-23).

e. Our consummation

- The Lord's return is imminent
- The Lord's return is unknown

The anticipation of Christ's return keeps us alert in the good fight of faith (Matthew 25:1-13).

### **3. Our master in the good fight of faith (6:15-16)**

This section speaks to for whom we fight the good fight.

a. His sovereignty

b. His superiority

c. His immortality

d. His invisibility

Blessed are those who do not see and fight the good fight of faith (John 20:29).