

THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

God's Vision for the Church as His Faithful Family

Week 8: Fight the Good Fight

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, keep your household the Church continually in your true religion, that we who trust in the hope of your heavenly grace may always be defended by your mighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR
**THE 5TH SUNDAY
OF EPIPHANY**

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

1 Timothy Outline

- 1 Timothy 1.1–2: *Greetings*
- 1 Timothy 1.3–21: *Cycle #1 & Introduction*
 - 1 Timothy 1.3a: *Timothy's Charge*
 - 1 Timothy 1.3b–11: *Ephesian Heresy*
 - 1 Timothy 1.12–18: *Encouragement*
 - 1 Timothy 1.19–21: *Timothy's Charge*
- 1 Timothy 2–4: *Cycle #2*
 - 2–3: *Congregational Issues*
 - 4.1–5: *Ephesian Heresy*
 - 4.6–16: *Encouragement*
- 1 Timothy 5–6: *Cycle #3*
 - 5.1–6.2: *Congregational Issues*
 - 6.3–10: *Ephesian Heresy*
 - 6.11–16: *Encouragement*
- 1 Timothy 6.17–21: *Cycle #4 & Conclusion*
 - 6.17–19: *Congregational Issues*
 - 6.20–21: *Encouragement*

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

Class Outline

- Fight the Good Fight of Faith (1 Tim. 6.11–12)
 - Train Yourself in Godliness (1 Tim. 4.7b–8)
 - Find Your Contentment in God (1 Tim. 6.5–8)
 - Admonish, then Avoid the Divisive (Titus 3.9–11)
 - Remember Your Calling (1 Tim. 4.13–14)
 - Guard What has been Entrusted to You (1 Tim 1.8–18, 6.20)

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1 Timothy 6.11–12

But as for you, man of God, shun [the false teachings and their rotten fruit]; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness; Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

**TRAIN YOURSELF
IN GODLINESS**

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IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

1 Timothy 4.7b–8

Train yourself for godliness; for while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

**FIND YOUR
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1 Timothy 6.5–8

They consider “godliness” as a way to make a profit; but true profit is found when godliness is paired with contentment. For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

**ADMONISH, THEN AVOID
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Titus 3.9–11

Avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. After a first and second admonition, have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions, since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful, being self-condemned.

REMEMBER YOUR CALLING

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1 Timothy 4.13–14

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conducts, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders.

**GUARD WHAT HAS BEEN
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1 Timothy 1.8–18a, 6.20a

The law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient...whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine in accordance of the glory of the blessed God with which I [Paul] have been entrusted... This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child...

(1 Tim 1.8, 11, 17, 18a)

*Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you.
(6.20a)*

TODAY'S SOURCES

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