

SERIES TITLE: CHURCH ON COURSE

PART TWELVE: IMPERATIVES

TEXT: 1 TIMOTHY 6:11-21

INTRODUCTION.

Timothy was a young pastor who was mentored by the apostle Paul. After Paul left Ephesus, he put Timothy in charge of organizing the churches. False teachers were endangering the mission. These teachers were speculating about obscure and less important matters, instead of preaching new life in Christ. In this letter, Paul encourages Timothy to deal with this situation and tells him how to move forward in ministry. Although addressed to one person, this letter was intended to benefit the whole church.

DISCUSSION.

What has been your favorite part of studying 1 Timothy and why?

EXAMINATION.

There are five imperatives in these final words from Paul to Timothy.

1. "Flee" v.11a. What are the things Timothy is supposed to run from?
2. "Pursue" v.11b How does one pursue these six qualities, and why is it important?
3. "Fight" v.12a What is the good fight of the faith?
4. "Take hold" v.12b If you are already saved, in what sense do you need to take hold of eternal life?

According to vv.17-19 How does generosity help us take hold of true life?

5. "Guard" v.20-21 What has been entrusted to Timothy that needs guarding?

APPLICATION.

- How are you doing at pursuing the things Paul tells Timothy to pursue?
- How is it a fight for you to keep your faith?
- What are some examples of godless chatter you have been involved in? How can you turn away from godless chatter in the future?

- What does it mean to wander from the faith? Have you ever wandered from your faith? Is there anyone you know who has wandered that you should be seeking to bring back to faith?
- What changes have happened in your life and doctrine through studying this book?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?