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“But you, man of God, flee from all this...Fight the good fight of faith.”

I Timothy 6:11a, 12a

I. Contend with Yourself! (vs. 11a)

- A. “Man of God” – Accept your call as a person that represents Christ!
- B. Flee = pheugo = to fight off – to run from and to safety (Gen. 39:12)
- C. Part of fighting the good fight is to flee those things that destroy us.

II. Compromising Truth (vs. 3 – 5)

- A. Does not agree with Jesus’ Teaching and Godly teaching of others (vs . 3)
 - 1. Teaching false doctrine = lit. “teaching another master”
 - 2. Does not agree = to come near or be in alignment with
 - 3. Denying Jesus’ words and doctrine that lead to Godliness
- B. Conceited (vs 4)
 - 1. Conceited = typhoo = to be puff up with smoke
 - 2. Lacks understanding of spiritual things
- C. Controversy (vs 4b)
 - 1. Unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels – public opinion in his favor
 - 2. Results in jealousy, arguments, personal attacks, suspecting one’s motives
- D. Seeking financial gain (vs 5)

III. Coveting Things (vs. 6 – 8)

- A. Godliness with Contentment = Great Gain! (vs. 6)
 - 1. Godliness = Doctrine that teaches respect for God
 - 2. Contentment = autarkeia = self-satisfaction – a mind at peace with basic needs
 - 3. Great gain = not the amount but the value
- B. Things are NOT eternal (vs. 7)
 - 1. God gave us all we had when we came into the world
 - 2. We cannot take it with us!
- C. Contentment works = accepting the life God provides (vs. 8)
 - 1. Food and clothing = the basics
 - 2. We will be content with that!

IV. Consumed with Money (vs. 9 – 10)

- A. People who want to be rich = temptation = trap
 - 1. Foolish and Harmful desires = lusts/cravings
 - 2. Plunge them into ruin (earthly) and destruction (eternally)
- B. The root (source) of many evils = the Love of money
 - 1. Love = phila (love) + arguros (silver) = obsessed with wealth
 - 2. Wandered from the faith = deceived by faith in money - sold out
 - 3. Pierced themselves with many griefs = overwhelming sorrows