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*“But, you man of God, flee from all this, and **pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith.**”*

I Timothy 6:11,12

I. Pursue More!

- A. But you – “Man of God” – We all start as “children of God” but our goal should be to grow up!
- B. The Christian life is a battle! – We have to “fight the good fight”
- C. Pursue = to earnest endeavor to acquire something – work, fight, sacrifice, keep pressing forward
- D. What can we go after that really makes a difference? There has to be more than just living and dying

II. Pillar #1 – Righteousness = dikaios



- A. Simple definition – A right relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
- B. Salvation = We are MADE righteous in the eyes of God as we are covered in Christ’s righteousness (Isa. 61:10; 2 Cor. 5:21)
- C. Timothy here is NOT pursuing Salvation – He is seeking MORE – a growing and personal relationship with God!
- D. To pursue righteousness means to know God and love him to the fullness of your ability.
 1. Am I satisfied with my relationship with God/Jesus Christ/The Holy Spirit?
 2. What could I do to grow deeper?
 3. What is my biggest obstacle to fully loving God and being near him?

III. Pillar #2 – Godliness = eusebeia



- A. Simple definition – A respect for God that leads to awe and submission
- B. Misunderstanding = Godliness = God Like Ness! –
- C. A right respect – an appropriate fear (I Tim. 4:8)
 1. His amazing creation – leads us to deep respect
 2. His awesome holiness – leads us to deep honor
 3. His astonishing power – leads us to deep humility
- D. To pursue Godliness means to see all things in comparison to the honor we have for God
 1. What has the greatest value to you in your life?
 2. What influences your decisions?
 3. What/who are you trying to please?

IV. Practical Pursuits

- A. To know God = know God’s word – The Logos and the Rhema
- B. To grow closer = spend time communicating = prayer – dialogue with contemplation
- C. To understand God is to Test Him and see Him at work – step out in faith as the Spirit guides