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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 Heart**

- A. These two virtues relate to your worldview – the way you perceive everything!
- B. Core virtues ----> Feelings ----> Actions
- C. Change your core virtues and you change everything else
- D. Paul is challenging Timothy to transformation of his heart not just his actions.

**II. Pillar #3 - Faith – pistis**

Heb. 11:1 – 4 - 40

- A. Simple definition = A conviction of heart – Trust in God through Christ – Risk-taking worldview
- B. Faith the foundation of salvation
- C. Faith is also the fountain of our worldview
  - 1. Confident conviction of belief in God/Christ/Holy Spirit existence and ability (core)

True faith is always based on the **object** not the ability of the one who has the faith!

- 2. Peace through risk (feelings)
- 3. Practicing service with expectations of God’s guidance and intervention (action)

D. Pursuing Faith means to confidently risking while living expectantly in God’s presence.

- 1. What are you afraid of?
- 2. Where is God calling you to risk?
- 3. What doubts limit your confidence in God?

**III. Pillar #4 - Love – agape**

*I Cor. 13:1-8, 13*

- A. Simple definition = Self-sacrificing viewpoint desiring wholeness and Peace
- B. Love is the source of salvation
- C. Love is also the strength of our worldview
  - 1. Compulsion to compassion of God for the needs of His people (core)

True love is not based on human **standards** but based completely on the love God demonstrates through Christ.

- 2. Concern for wholeness (feelings)
- 3. Unselfish striving for healing and wholeness through

D. Pursuing love means to allow God to break your heart for the brokenness around you and to be led by the Spirit to seek to bring wholeness into the fallen places without concern for the costs personally.

- 1. How much time do we think about others?
- 2. Do we have enough time to get involved?
- 3. Are we open to be led by the Holy Spirit?

**IV. Practical Pursuits**

- A. Start small/simple – Steps toward maturity – Pray with faith and love!
- B. Deal honestly with your doubts and fears
- C. Attempt great things with great love without any reward

