

1 Timothy 6:9-21

Memory Verse 1 Timothy 6: 11,12 But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Begin your Bible study with prayer, confessing any sins you know of, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word and asking the Holy Spirit to guide your study.

Read 1 Tim 6:9-21

1. What sinful attitude is discussed in vs 9-10? What problems can this attitude lead to?

2. Read Prov 3:5-6. How can we keep from wandering away from the faith?

3. According to verse 11, name six things we should pursue instead of riches. Choose one of these to define using a dictionary or other resource.

Insight: Godliness is a theme we have encountered throughout our study of 1 Timothy. The Greek word for "godliness" is eusebeia, a compound term made up of "eu" meaning "good" and "sebeia" meaning "reverence." When applied to the Christian life, it denotes a life that is acceptable to Christ, indicating the proper attitude of the believer towards Christ who saved him.

4. Look back through your study and at these verses and list all that is included in godliness. 1 Tim 2:2,10; 1 Tim 3:16; 1 Tim 4:7,8; 1 Tim 6:3, 5, 6, 11.

5. In verse 12, we see the familiar phrase, “fight the good fight”. Compare what Paul says in verse 12 with what he wrote in 1 Tim 1:18, 19. Write down all you learn.

6. Read verses 13-16. List all the things Paul writes to describe Christ.

7. In verses 17-19, Paul give instruction regarding riches. What are we not to put our trust in? What should we put our trust in? What are we instructed to do?

8. What was Timothy warned to avoid? vs 20,21

Application: In verse 11, Paul lays out a series of character qualities that we are to pursue which are similar to those listed by Peter 2 Peter 1:5-9. Read these passages and after praying for conviction and insight, answer the following questions: Which of these qualities need development in your life? What are some practical ways you can develop these qualities?

End your study by thanking the Lord for what you have learned this week and ask Him to help you apply the truths you have learned.

For further study: Verse 14 speaks of the return of Christ at “the proper time”. Read Mark 13:22, Luke 12:40 and Acts 1:7. What do you learn about the Lord’s return?