

Persevering in the Battles of Life

1 Timothy 1:18-20

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How to Fight the Good Fight of Faith

1. By Trusting God and His Word :: 19a

Charge? To address false teaching in the church

Spiritual war between Satan & God

- The primary way that Satan has attacked God's people throughout the years is through false teaching.

Paul was calling Timothy to go to war, and the only way for Timothy to do so is by trusting God.

Romans 1:21-25 - Looking not to the creation but to the Creator.

2. By Being Obedient to God Through His Word :: 18

For you to finish the race, you have to be obedient to the call - James 1:22-25

We can only be obedient by depending on God:

John 15:5

Philippians 4:13

Romans 8:13

Galatians 5:22-23

3. By Loving Others :: 5, 19b-20

Many Christians function out of anger (pride) instead of love.

Love for God :: 2 Corinthians 5:9, 14; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Love for Others :: 1 Timothy 5:19b-20

Meditation

What has changed about my understanding of God?

What did Scripture teach me about myself?

What needs to change in my life as a result of this sermon?

Is there any area in my life in which I am being motivated by anger instead of love?

Is there any area of my life that I am failing to be obedient because obedience is difficult?

Is there any area of my life in which I am failing to trust that God's commands for me are better than my own desires?