



# “2016: The One Thing We Must Do”

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**12** Fight the good fight of the faith. **Take hold** of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

## 1 Timothy 6:19 (ESV)

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## Hebrews 3:1 (ESV)

1 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,

## 1 Peter 5:10 (ESV)

**10** And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

## Romans 8:28 (ESV)

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