

THE PASTORAL LETTERS

Fight the Good Fight 1 Timothy 6:11-16

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1. In contrast to the sinful discontent of others, believers are strongly challenged regarding the way they live out the Christian life.

- a. In light of the transforming work God has done in their life, believers are commanded to _____ from sin.
- b. In conjunction with fleeing from sin, believers must actively _____ Christian virtues.
- c. This is a truly difficult contest, but believers must be prepared to _____ this good fight.

2. To further help in the good fight, Paul gives a solemn charge that is a reminder of God's special presence with His people.

- a. Believers can fight the good fight knowing that they do so in the _____ of God who both gives and preserves life.
- b. Believers can fight the good fight because they do so in the presence of Christ Jesus who _____ this fight Himself.

- c. With this encouragement, believers commit themselves to fight the good fight as faithful _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ who will come again at the proper time.

3. The good fight that every believer must fight can be approached with confidence because it is done to the honor of the “_____ *and only Sovereign*”.
(John Piper)

- a. God's blessedness is stressed in that He is the _____ Sovereign.
- b. God's blessedness is emphasized by the fact that He is the _____ over all other kings, and the Lord over all other lords.
- c. God's blessedness is highlighted by the fact that all other beings _____ on Him for their existence.
- d. God's blessedness is seen in His own inherent _____ perfection.
- e. It is this blessed God who enables His people to fight the good fight and whom they are privileged to honor _____.