

Flee, follow, and fight

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Introduction

1. 1 Timothy 6:11-12
2. Words that have caught my interest are, Lay hold, and follow
3. Lay hold means to be a firm grip on eternal life
4. Follow means to pursue without hostility
5. Within this passage we are to get a firm grip on eternal life and this can be done by following without hostility the things listed
6. Let us see how to get a firm grip on eternal life by seeing what we are to follow after.

II Discussion

1. He calls Timothy a man of God
 - a. Great men of God have had this said of them Moses Deuteronomy 33:1 and Samuel 1 Samuel 9:6
 - b. This shows ownership “To whom we belong” 1 Corinthians 6:20; Titus 2:14
 - c. We belong to God 1 John 3:1-3
2. Paul tells Timothy to flee
 - a. Flee the temptation of riches and the love of money 6:6-10
 - b. Flee false teaching 6:3-5
 - c. Flee youthful lust 2 Timothy 2:22
 - d. Flee idolatry 1 Corinthians 10:14
3. Paul tells Timothy to follow - some things we are to pursue without hostility
 - a. Righteousness – doing what is right
 - b. Godliness – A Godward attitude, doing that which is well-pleasing to Him
 - c. Faith – conviction based on hearing Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:1 & 6
 - d. Love –
 - i. God’s love for mankind John 3:16
 - ii. Man’s love for God John 14:21
 - iii. Man’s love for man John 13:34
 - iv. Love described 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
 - e. Patience – abiding under James 1:3; in running the race Hebrews 12:1
 - f. Meekness – gentle and mild Matthew 11:28-30
4. Paul tells Timothy to fight
 - a. Not just any kind of fight, but the good fight of faith
 - b. We have the equipment, and must know how to use it. Ephesians 6:10-18
 - c. We must be set for the defense of the Gospel Philippians 1:17, 7

III Conclusion

1. Are we going to lay hold and follow these things?
2. If so then at the end of life, all will be well with your soul!
3. If not then unhappiness awaits you
4. Why not lay hold and follow so that happiness will be yours all of this life and in the one to come!

Sources: Follow from Vine’s Dictionary; Conduct in the church sermon outlines from 1 Timothy by Tom Holland