

LAY HOLD ON ETERNAL LIFE

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INTRODUCTION

1. Text I Timothy 6:11-12
2. Paul wants Timothy not to give up on eternal life. We should not give up either.
3. To lay hold means to get a firm grip on eternal life.
4. Why should we lay hold on eternal life?
 1. life is short and uncertain. James 4:13-15
 2. Temptations are real. I Timothy 6:9
 3. Eternal life is promised to those who do hold fast. I John 2:25 ; 2 Timothy 4:8
5. How should we lay hold on eternal life?
6. What I say or do could cause someone to lose their eternal destiny but that should not be the case.

II Discussion:

- A. By recognizing who the man of God is.
 1. This title was given to O.T. prophets.
 - a. Moses Deuteronomy 33:1
 - b. Samuel I Samuel 9:6
 - c. David Nehemiah 12:36
 - d. Elisha 2 Kings 4:21
 2. All those who receive him have the power to become sons of God John 1:12 I John 3:1-2
 3. We can become the special person God wants us to be 2 Peter 2:9; Titus 2:14
 3. Since we claim to be sons of God then we should not serve Satan. Romans 6:16-18
- B. By fleeing the proper things
 1. The devil. James 4:7
 2. Flee false teaching. 1 Timothy 6:3-5
 3. Flee Materialism. 1 Timothy 6:9-10
 4. Flee lust. 2 Timothy 2:22
 5. Flee Idolatry. 1 Corinthians 10:14
- C. We can lay hold on eternal life by following after the right things.
 1. Righteousness. Right living between man and man
 2. Godliness. The reverence of a man who realizes that his life is being lived in God's presence.
 3. Faith. Romans 10:17 Heb 11:1&6

4. Love. The motivating force, I Cor 13 John 3:16
5. Patience. Steadfastness keep on keeping on. I Cor 15:58 Gal 6:9
6. Meekness. Power under control. Paul and Silas Acts 16 Matt 11:28-30

D. We can lay hold on eternal life by fighting the right thing.

1. The fight may be used to illustrate a battlefield or athletics.
2. We should fight for what we want. Colossians 3:1-2
3. Paul uses this many times to show us how we are to act. 2 Timothy 2:3-4;

1 Timothy 1:18

III Conclusion:

1. We need to take hold of salvation in eager anticipation.
2. Have we taken hold?
3. Have we let it slip from our hands?
4. Now is the time to lay hold and keep on holding so that eternal life can be ours

Sour 1987 sermon; Conduct in the church sermon outlines by Tom Holland; Logos man of God; Collins book