

FLEE, FOLLOW AND FIGHT

I Timothy 6: 6 – 12

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INTRODUCTION

1. In this text Paul points out three things the “MAN OF GOD” must do.
2. No one can be a “man of God” that does not do these things.
3. I understand that the “man of God” in this text means the Preacher, but I believe these truths apply to all Christians.
4. Let us study these three things.

I. Some Things the Man of God Must Flee, as Well as ALL Christians

- a. The LOVE OF MONEY: Paul uses three figures to teach the danger of the love of money:
 - i. “*Snare*” – A trap used to catch wild game; the idea is that those who have this desire become so entangled they cannot easily escape.
 - ii. “*Drowning*” – Like a ship going down and all the men with it, all is destroyed; the destruction is complete.
 - iii. “*Root*” – All kinds of evil.
 - iv. Notice the word “*WILL*” in verse 9 – the meaning is an actual purpose or design to become rich; the object of earnest desire is to be rich.
 - v. *EXAMPLES* of what this Love for Money will do:
 1. It will destroy the faith of men – I Tim. 6:10; Matt. 13:22.
 2. Riches will beget pride in the heart – I Tim. 6:17; I Pet. 5:5.
 3. It will cause one to trust in riches and not in God – I Tim. 6:17; Luke 12: 16 – 21.
 4. The love of money is Idolatry – I Cor. 10:14; Eph. 5:5.
- b. Flee Youthful Lust – 2 Tim. 2:22
 - i. “*Flee fornication*” – I Cor. 6:18; Matt. 5:28.
 1. One of the greatest dangers of the moving pictures of our day is that instead of helping the young and others to flee youthful lusts, they stir up their lusts.
 - ii. Flee Lasciviousness – Gal. 5:19
 1. Dancing
 2. Immodest dress
 3. Petting

II. Things We Are to Follow After:

- a. Righteousness – I Tim. 6:11; I John 3:7; Acts 10: 34 – 35; Rom. 1: 16 – 17; Psa. 119: 172.
- b. Godliness – I Tim. 6:11; 2 Pet. 1:6
- c. Faith – 2 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17
- d. Love – I Tim. 6:11; Gal. 5:6; I Cor. 13: 1 – 8.
- e. Patience – I Tim. 6:11; Rom. 5: 3 – 5; James 1: 2 – 4.
- f. Meekness – Matt. 5:5; 11: 28- 30; Gal. 5: 22 – 23.
- g. Forgiveness – Col. 3:13; Matt. 6: 14 – 15

III. What the Man of God is to Fight Along with Every Other Christian

- a. He is to fight the good fight of Faith – I Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:17; I Tim. 1:18
- b. He is to fight sin in all forms – Heb. 12:4; Eph. 5:11; 2 Tim. 4:2
- c. He is to fight against spiritual wickedness in high places and false teachers – Eph. 6:12; 2 Cor. 10:3 – 5.
- d. He is going to have to fight self – I Cor. 9:27; James 1:13 – 15; I Cor. 10:13.
- e. The Devil – James 4:7; I Pet. 5: 8 – 9.
- f. We are going to have to fight the World – I John 2: 15 – 17; James 4:4.

IV. Conclusion

- a. Let us all FLEE, FOLLOW and FIGHT
- b. Let us Flee from the Wrath to come.
 - i. The wrath of God will come upon the children of disobedience – Eph. 5: 6; Col. 3:6; 2 Thess. 1:8- 9

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