

PERSONAL ADMONITION TO TIMOTHY Verse 11

1. The apostle now turns from his warning to those desiring to be rich to a practical exhortation to strive for the true riches.
2. The title by which Timothy is addressed. "O man of God." Verse 11
 1. This signifies a man who belongs to God in contrast to those men who do not.
 2. It identifies a man who is dedicated to God.
 3. It identifies a man who lives for God's glory. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31
3. The warning addressed to Timothy. "Flee these things." Verse 11
 1. Note the sharp contrast between "the men" of the world, who reach after, and the man of God who is to avoid "these things." WHAT IS TO BE AVOIDED?: From what is he to flee?
 - (1) Those who teach otherwise, consenting not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ. Verse 3
 - (2) Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. Verses 4 and 5
 - (3) Flee from the destructive forces involved in the love of money and the desire to be rich.
 1. Timothy is now holding an important position in a wealthy and important city.
 2. He is now preaching for a congregation which contains some wealthy men. He might be tempted by gold and ease that gold would secure, along with popularity to make some compromises to the truth.
 2. Flee these things, the command. When the Lord tells man to do something, he does not leave man in the dark concerning how these things are to be done.
 3. FOLLOW AFTER: Verse 11 What are these things to follow after?
 1. Righteousness
 - (1) That condition of thought and will and purpose according to the law of God.
 - (2) Therefore, "follow after righteousness" which does not vary according to the outward influences and fashions of inconstant men, to which it is subject.
 2. Godliness
 - (1) Godliness comprehends the sentiments of fear, love and reverence which a good man maintains toward God. (Includes holiness of heart and life)
 - (2) Godliness comprehends the whole conduct of man such as worship, prayer, almsgiving ETC
 3. Faith
 - (1) Comprehends the entire reliance of the soul upon God's goodness, his great and precious promises in and through Christ Jesus.
 4. Love
 - (1) Love is the immediate effect of faith, for "faith worketh by love" (Gal. 5:6).
 - (2) Love is the touchstone of true religion and the bond of perfectness. Col. 3:12-14-Read
 5. Patience. The power of patience:
 - (1) Primary idea is continuance: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life. Rom. 2:7
 - (2) "Ye have heard of the patience, continuance, endurance, of Job. James 5:11
 - (3) We have need of patience because we read; "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Hebrews 6:12
 - (4) Tribulations of body and mind may come, afflictions may press sore, provocations may be multiplied, and labours may be a heavy burden, but with the man of God there must be no fainting, no halting, no turning aside, no growing weary in well-doing. Gal. 6:9
 6. Meekness. May be based on humility, and certainly implies submission.
 - (1) Moses an example. Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth. Numbers 12:3
 - (2) Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. Matt. 5:5
 - (3) Jesus an example of meekness. Matt. 11:29
 - (4) Meekness plays a part in restoring the man at fault. Gal. 6:1
 - a. The Christian with meekness will endure the provocations of unjust men, He will be kind to those who are unkind, and gentle to those who are rough. He will follow the example of Christ "who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not..." 1 Peter 2:23

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4. "Fight the good fight of faith." Verse 12 The good fight and its results:
1. Fight the good fight of faith reveals the Christian struggle. The admonition to "fight" means that the Christian has some enemies. These would be:
 - (1) The world, the flesh, and the devil; false teachers with their arts of seduction.
 2. It is a good fight. It is a good fight because:
 - (1) It is in a good cause: for God and truth and salvation.
 - (2) This fight is under a good Captain...Jesus Christ who is the Captain of our salvation. Heb. 2:10
 3. The end result of this fight.
 - (1) That we might "lay hold on eternal life." Just three forms of life: Physical life, spiritual life, and eternal life.
 - (2) Eternal life held forth as the prize of the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:14
5. A SOLEMN CHARGE PRESSED AGAIN ON TIMOTHY. 1 Tim. 6:13-16 The charge and its responsibility:
1. "I give the charge in the sight of God...that thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Tim. 6:13,14
6. A WORD OF ADMONITION AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE RICH. 1 Tim. 6:17-19. This counsel carries us back to what he had said:
1. There is a twofold danger for the rich.
 - (1) The danger of high-mindedness. A haughty disposition is often engendered by wealth. A danger of looking down with contempt on the poor.
 - (2) The danger of trusting in wealth. Riches are ver uncertain because:
 - A. Riches may take to themselves wings and fly away. "Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. Proverbs 23:5
 - B. We may be taken away by death from the enjoyment of our possessions. Heb. 9:27
 - C. Because riches cannot satisfy the deep hunger of the human heart.
 2. The rich encouraged to make right use of thier wealth. How this is done:
 - (1) By trusting in the living God who giveth us richyl all things to enjoy. 1 Tim. 6:17
 - (2) "That they do good." 1 Tim. 6:18
 - A. Rich men may do evil to others by fraud or oppression.
 - B. They may do evil to themselves by habits of luxury and intemperance.
 - (3) "That they be rich in good works." 1 Tim. 6:18
 - A. That they be like Dorcas, who was "full of good works and almsdeeds which she did." Acts 9:36
 - B. That they be like Jesus, "who went about doing good." Acts 10:38
 - (4) That they be ready to distribute, ready to communicat. 1 Tim. 6:18
 - A. Willing to give without being asked or begged. Giving without grudging and without delay. Not based upon how little can I get by with, but based upon the need understood.
 - (5) Encouragements to discharge the duty. 1 Tim. 6:19
 - A. "Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." 1 Tim. 6:19 A foundation in heaven, solid, substantial, and durable...unlike the earthly riches, which often are the undoing of men.
7. CONCLUDING EXHORTATION AND BENEDICTION. 1 Tim. 6:20-21
1. "O Timothy, keep that which is committed (deposited) to they trust. Some things to avoid:
 - (1) "Profane and vain babblings." Such things are utterly profitless as to spiritual results
 - (2) "Science falsely so called." Wild speculations, empty discourses and the ideas of false knowledge.
 2. The result of such teaching.
 - (1) Those who profess such things, who engage in such things, have all erred from the truth. 1 Tim. 6:21

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