

1 Timothy 1:18-20

Fighting the Good Fight

Encourage Faithfulness in the Fight (v. 18)

The Defining Elements of the Fight (v. 19)

Encounter Faithlessness in the Fight (v. 20)

Application of 1 Tim 1:18-20

1. What ministry/spiritual gift/role of service has been entrusted to you? When challenges arise, how can you be encouraged by Paul's encouragement to Timothy?
2. Notice the personal and warm address Paul uses for Timothy, "my child" as he encourages him to persevere. How does this provide an example for us to encourage others in ministry?
3. Who and how can you encourage someone for their service in the church? Aim to encourage at least one person this week.
4. What attitudes and actions are involved in "keeping faith and a good conscience"?
5. What's the relationship between disobeying one's conscience and false teaching (see also vv. 5-7)
6. Thank God for your conscience as an internal warning system to keep you following His path. Ask Him to continually refine and sharpen your conscience in line with His Word.
7. Think about the following ways (you might think of more) to help protect our faith so we don't end up "shipwrecked" and consider how to include these in your life: church membership; accountability partners; daily time with the Lord in His Word and prayer; regular confession of sin; seek to love and obey Christ, not just learn about Him
8. How does Paul explain here (see also 1 Cor 5:1-5; 2 Thess 3:14-15) that the purpose of church discipline is restoration, not simply judgement? What are other benefits of church discipline?

Reading this week: Read chapter 1 of 1 Timothy this week as a summary of our study in this chapter. Read chapter 2 to become more familiar with the next chapter we'll look at.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	<i>F_____ the G_____ F_____</i>	_____
<u>Chapter</u>	1. E_____ F_____ in the Fight (v. ____) 2. The D_____ Elements of the F_____	_____
<u>Verses</u>	(v. ____) 3. E_____ Faithlessness in the F_____	_____
	(v. ____)	_____

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church	Conscience	Fight	Paul	Timothy

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: