

Fight the Good Fight !

1 Timothy 1.18-20

Live a worthwhile life!

1. A Calling worth Fulfilling, v18

- *called to serve 4.14; Acts 16.1-3
equipped to serve 2 Tim 1.6*
- *we've all been called John 15.16
Rom 1.6; 2 Tim 1.9; Eph 4.1
our inspiration for service
2 Thess 1.11; 1 Thess 5.23-24;
1 Cor 1.9*

2. A Battle worth Fighting, v18

- *for the truth of the Gospel Jude 3
in the face of false teaching vs 3-7*
- *divine revelation
not human speculation 2 Cor 10.4*

3. A Faith worth Keeping, v19

- *The Gospel is our lifebelt
hold onto it!*
- *Hymenaeus 2 Tim 2.16-18
wandered from truth 1 Cor 15.19
caused Gospel to break up*
- *be a good sailor - know
- currents of opinion Eph 4.14
- reefs of error 4.1-4*

4. A Conscience worth Preserving, v19

- *calibrate it against God's Word
1 Cor 4.4; Rom 12.2*
- *use it to fight for the Gospel
Acts 24.16; 2 Cor 1.12*
- *rejecting our conscience
leads to eventual shipwreck
beware of beliefs being
shaped by preferences
Rom 1.18*

➤ **false teachers must be expelled
if they won't reform**

1 Cor 5.5,13; 2 Tim 2.25-26

**discipline is intended to be remedial
God is in his church**

Mat 18.20; 1 Cor 14.25

Satan is the prince of this world

John 12.31; 14.30; 16.11

False teaching

➤ **devious - because it's different**

➤ **damaging – because it destroys**

➤ **deal with it decisively – silence it**

Truth brings freedom, assurance

John 8.31-32; 7.17

Know it - then live it!