

Study Guide for August 27th, 2006: Final Words. I Timothy 6:11-14, 20-21.

Introduction: When has someone significant shared **final words** to you? Or when have you spoken such words before a parting? What was said and what impact was made?

I. Forsake lies & controversy while pursuing holiness. (I Tim. 6:11)

A. Identify who the term **man of God** applies to in the following references.

1) Deut. 33:1: 2) I Sam. 2:27: 3) I Kings 13: 4) II Kings 1:

B. What impact did Paul intend by addressing Timothy as a **man of God**?

C. What are **these things** that Paul calls Timothy to flee from? (see I Tim. 6:3-10)

D. Fill in the blanks to identify what Paul calls Timothy to pursue and then define.

1) _____ & godliness :

2) faith & _____ :

3) _____ & gentleness :

E. What has motivated you to forsake lies & controversy and pursue holiness?

II. Fight the good fight of the FAITH. (I Tim. 6:12a)

A. What does this **good fight of the faith** entail? (see II Tim. 4:6-7)

B. How can we **fight the good fight of the faith** successfully? (see I Tim. 1:18-20)

III. Take hold of the ETERNAL LIFE. (I Tim. 6:12b)

A. If Timothy received **the eternal life** when he first believed, why would Paul now exhort him to **take hold** of the eternal life to which he had been called? (vs. 17-19)

B. What event is Paul referring to when he cites Timothy's **good confession**?

C. When have you found it helpful to recall your initial commitment to Christ or times of spiritual renewal? Describe such a time and the difference it made in your life.

IV. Keep this command. (I Tim. 6:13-14)

A How does Paul emphasize the seriousness of this closing charge to Timothy?

- B. How does Paul describe God? Why does Paul highlight this work of God here?
- C. What act of Christ Jesus does Paul focus on? (see John 18:33-37, 19:10-11) Why?
- D. What is **this command** which Paul charges Timothy to keep?
- E. What do you think it means to keep this command **without spot or blame**?
- F. What is the duration or time frame Timothy is charged to observe in his obedience?
- G. Make a list of 5 commands you feel charged to obey until Christ returns.

V. Guard the Gospel. (I Tim. 6:20-21)

- A. Compare Paul's address here in vs. 20, "O Timothy!" with the one he used earlier in vs. 11, "man of God." What difference do you detect?
- B. What does Paul charge Timothy to guard? (see also II Tim. 1:14)
- C. What is Timothy to turn away from? (see also II Tim. 2:16-18)
- D. Assuming you are not a church leader, how can you **guard the gospel**?

With this message, our studies in Paul's first letter to Timothy come to an end. Take this opportunity to review the entire letter. I suggest you read through it twice. Ask God to highlight an enduring encouragement and challenge from the letter. Write out a few verses below that especially stand out for you. What can you personally do to bring about greater order in our church?