

Wage the Good Warfare!
1 Timothy 1:18-20

I. Introduction

II. The Way to Succeed in Warfare. vv. 18-19a

- A. Paul had entrusted to Timothy this charge. (2 Tim. 2:2, 1 Tim. 4:14, 1 Tim. 6:20, 1 Tim. 6:13)
- B. You too brethren, have been entrusted with a charge. (Eph. 6:11, 2 Cor. 10:3)
- C. There is only one good fight, the defense of the Truth and the spread of the Gospel. (2 Tim. 2:3-4, Jude 3)
- D. Avoid meaningless fights. (2 Tim. 2:22)
- E. Use God's prescribed weapons to fight the good fight. v. 19a (2 Tim. 4:7)

III. The Sure Way to Suffer Shipwreck in Warfare. v. 19b-20

- A. Some reject a good conscience.
- B. What does it mean to suffer shipwreck? (2 Cor. 11:25)
- C. Paul gives living illustrations. v. 20 (2 Tim. 2:16-18, 2 Tim. 4:14-15, 1 Cor. 5:5, 2 Thess. 3:14)
- D. Did they lose their salvation? (Rev. 2:25, Heb. 2:4, Jn. 10:27, Phil. 1:6, 1 Jn. 2:19)

IV. Purity must be Protected and Maintained in the Local Church. v. 20

- A. False teachers must not be tolerated. (2 Pet. 2:1, Phil. 3:18)
- B. The Bible mandates and instructs how we are to perform church discipline. (Eph. 5:25, 1 Cor. 5, 1 Tim. 6:3ff, Tit. 3:9-11, Rom. 16:17, Matt. 18:15-20)

V. Conclusion / Application (Rom. 5:8, Matt. 11:28, Rev. 3:19)