

Paul's Final Charge 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Introduction: The phrase, "man of God" is used in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 of anyone who _____ the truth of God's Word in his faith and life.

I. **The Mandate 6:13-14**

Timothy is charged to be faithful to his calling from a four-fold perspective:

1. **God is _____ ("in the sight of God who gives life") Rom 14:8; Ps 37:28**

God is _____ over the life that He gives.

2. **Jesus set the _____ for you Mt 27:11; John 18:36-37; 19:10-11**

3. **People are _____ your life**

4. **Christ is going to _____ Col 3:4; Rom 8:18**

II. **The Means 6:11-12**

1. **_____ evil 6:11; 1 Cor 6:18; 10:14; 2 Tim 2:22**

These are sins where there is no room or time for _____, rationalization, debate or consideration.

2. **Follow after _____ 6:11-12**

1) _____ = right thinking and behavior guided by the standards of God's _____. It is _____ what's right and _____ people right.

2) _____ = living with a sense of _____ towards God; taking God and His Word _____.

3) _____/Faithfulness

4) _____ = AGAPE/divine love that flows from a _____-filled life and manifests itself in self-sacrificing _____ (Matt 22:37; 1 Cor 13:1-3)

Apart from a loving heart, ministry is _____ and shallow.

5) _____ = steadfastness; a steadfast obedience to the Word and to the Lord no matter what the _____.

6) _____ = a quality that is _____ towards people and a humble _____ to God's will

3. **_____ for the Truth 6:12a**

AGONIZOMAI/AGON are words that require discipline, commitment, struggle and a determination to _____.

4. **Focus on the _____ of eternal life 6:12b; John 17:3; 15:5; Phil 1:21**

It involves growing _____ in your knowledge of Christ, drawing upon His resurrection _____ and living with an _____ perspective.

III. **The Motivation 6:15-16**

Our great motivation is to remember _____ you are serving. This is a doxology directed to God. We strive to fulfill our calling in awe of God's _____.

1. **God is _____ - do not _____**
 - ☐ We need not fear _____ powers because God is sovereign over them (Isaiah 43:13)
 - ☐ We need not fear death because God is sovereign over _____ (John 5:26; Job 12:10; Habakkuk 1:12).
2. **God is _____ in holiness and purity – do not _____ His goodness or justice (Ps 5:4; Ex 15:11)**
3. **God alone is _____ of honor and dominion - _____ and _____ to Him alone**

THIS is the God whom we represent to the world and whose message we proclaim. And when we feel weak and threatened by the enemy, it is THIS God to whom we look for _____ and _____.

Study Questions:

1. Who has God used in your life who is respected as a “man/woman of God” and motivated you to follow their example? What stood out in their lives?
2. How does the truth of the sovereignty of God sustain us in our times of trials (see Genesis 50:20; Romans 8:28)?
3. Note Paul’s challenge in 6:12 to “fight the good fight.” From the following verses, what are the enemies that we are to fight against that seek to damage our faith and testimony? How do we defeat them?
 - ☐ 1 John 2:15-17 –
 - ☐ Galatians 5:16-18 –
 - ☐ Ephesians 6:10-18 –
4. Read Paul’s doxology in 6:15-16. How does worship equip us to face the hardships in life and pressures from the enemy?