

# 1 Timothy - Chapter 6 verses 11-21

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**Chapter 6** – In this chapter the apostle Paul closes his first letter to his spiritual son Timothy by warning him again about the ways of false teachers and their motivation. Paul ends his letter with a charge to Timothy to be steadfast and to continue to fight the good fight of faith by standing firm on the true doctrine of God.

**Verse 11** – This verse is a follow on to the prior verses in which the apostle Paul warns Timothy again to flee or stay away from the striving for material wealth which will result in miseries. Rather to seek after righteousness that produces a lifestyle that is acceptable and pleasing to God. Godliness is proper respect and obedience to God, faith is a growing trust in God, love is a maturing affection for God and man, patience is perseverance and steadfastness in life and service, and meekness is gentleness.

**Verse 12** – Paul is encouraging Timothy to fight the good fight which means to war against the daily struggles of sin that comes with living a Christian life which include hardship and adversities in the ministry. And to lay hold of eternal life or to depend and rely on his profession of faith when he confessed his call to ministry.

**Verse 13** – Paul commands Timothy to fulfill verses 11 and 12 in the sight of God Almighty who giver of all life, and before Jesus Christ who before Pontius Pilate made a confession of faith without wavering.

- John 18:35-37

**Verse 14** – In this verse Paul instructs Timothy to keep the commandment given in verse 13 concerning verses 11 and 12 where Paul commands Timothy to seek godliness and in verse 12 Paul commands him to fulfill his call or ministry. Timothy is to keep this commandment untarnished until Christ appears.

**Verse 15** – This verse is a follow on to the prior verse and states that Jesus will make known at the appointed time of His appearing who is the Potentate or sovereign ruler, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

**Verse 16** – This verse provides additional attributes of Jesus that He alone is immortal and He lives in the light which no man can reach, and no man has seen or can see and all honor is do Him who has everlasting power.

**Verse 17** – In this verse Timothy is told to command them that are rich in this world that they should not be high minded, proud and look down on those who are not rich, and that they should trust God rather than their own riches, who give us richly or abundantly everything for our enjoyment.

- Jeremiah 9:23-24

**Verse 18** – Timothy is instructed to further command those that are rich in this world to do good works, and good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share and be liberal in giving.

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**Verse 19** – When wealthy Believers generously share their wealth with the needy, they lay up for themselves a good foundation that in time to come they will indeed enter heaven and receive eternal life.

**Verse 20** – Paul encourages Timothy to trust in the knowledge and truths he has gained and to keep and guard it. Paul warns Timothy again to stay away from vain or empty truths and false arguments that oppose the truth.

**Verse 21** – Paul tells Timothy that some who have professed the truths have already made a turned from the truth concerning the faith. Paul wishes the undeserved favor God upon Timothy. Amen