Fight the Good Fight: Purpose
1 Timothy 6:10-19
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1 Timothy 6:10-19: For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. [11] But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. [12] Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. [13] In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you [14] to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [15] which God will bring about in his own time —God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, [16] who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen. [17] Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. [18] Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. [19] In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. _____ are you here?

_____way: Don't look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life…. Don't fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. The way to life—to God!—is vigorous and requires total attention.

Matthew 7:13-14 (MSG)

Greater _____: Devotion to God with a sense that God will be enough, supply enough, and strengthen enough regardless of the future, is a gift that keeps giving in our hearts!

1 Timothy 6:6 (JOT)

2. _____ the power of greater purpose

_____ your direction: Run away from the things that will ruin your soul and run after the things that will empower your relationship with God: righteousness, devotion, faith, love, persistence, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith with these things!

1 Timothy 6:11-12a (JOT)

_____ your _____: The one who denies the Son, does not have the Father…you shall remain in the Son and in the Father…you will receive the promise which Jesus promised, eternal life!

1 John 2:23-25 (JOT)

_____ the goal: Charge people who are wealthy…to place their hope in God who graciously gives us all things for our enjoyment…to do good, to be generous…to store up for themselves a good future foundation for amazingly abundant life!

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (JOT)

3. _____ a course for living boldly

_____ anxiety: What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving…. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out.

Matthew 6:31-32 (MSG)

Spiritual Action Step:

Where are you headed in your life? Are you filling your life with all the wrong things hoping to feel satisfied? Do you have a purpose that inspires you? Jesus says: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11 (NIV)) God wants to lead you to an abundant life that has meaning and purpose. Stop trusting in yourself and acknowledge that you need God's help. God wants to share with you living water that can fill your emptiness and give you a marvelous treasure of grace! Jesus died on a cross in order to ransom your life from the power of sin and to fill you with the living water! This week read Matthew 6 and John 4 to sense how God's Spirit can quench your thirst and bring life to your spirit!

Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; MSG: The Message.