

How Should We Live? > 1 Timothy 6:11-21

6:11-12 What Timothy is to do: flee, pursue, and fight to take hold of. Timothy's task is to live faithfully by applying what Paul has said in his personal walk of faith.

6:13-16 Timothy will accomplish these tasks not because of his own strength or wisdom, but because of Christ's own perfect work. Timothy is to pattern his life after Christ's example and to trust the Lord for Christ's return.

6:17-19 In a similar vein, Paul calls the rich to live not according to the ways of this world; to not put their trust in their money or their possessions. Instead, they are to love and trust the Lord. This will be displayed through Christ-honoring generosity.

6:20-21 A final charge to Timothy and the Ephesians.

Context: Paul closes his letter by returning to several themes from earlier, but he now applies them even more directly.

Aim: Paul wants Timothy and the Ephesians to know how to live in light of all that he has taught in this letter. Faithfulness requires not just knowledge, but actions that match that knowledge as well.

Gospel: All that Timothy is called to is enabled only by Christ: Jesus has done the work, Jesus is the Faithful One. Timothy's task is to trust the Lord as he follows after the Savior.

Applications: What are you pursuing in life? What should you be avoiding? How does Christ's work change your motivations, dreams, and goals? How will you show the generosity of Christ with your money and possessions?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
