

## Fleeing, Fighting and Finishing Well I Tim. 6:11-16

### **Flee from destructive pursuits. 11**

- ❖ What *things* are we to flee from? 6:3ff, especially in 9,10, II Tim. 2:22
- ❖ Instead of pursuing cash we should pursue character Col. 3:12-14, II Pt. 1:5-8, I Cor. 13:13, Heb. 12:14 (note these lists of virtues can vary).
- ❖ *Godliness* = 4x in rapid succession (6:3,5,6,11). Recall its value in 4:8.
- ❖ *Faith and love* = 1:5,14, 2:15, 4:12, II Tim. 1:13, 2:22, 3:10

### **Fight the good fight. 12a**

- ❖ *Fight* (opposite of fleeing) recalls 1:18. Battle imagery also in II Tim. 2:3,4, 4:7, Eph. 6:11-16. Pursuing character requires a real fight.
- ❖ *Take hold* (see 19 too) = hang on to what we have in Christ and press on to fulfill our calling, as in Phil. 3:12-14. Apostasy is a concern.

### **Finish well. 12b-16**

- ❖ Timothy needs to fulfill his public commitment (II Tim. 2:2), as do we!
- ❖ Charge to *keep the commandment* (Gospel message and its ethics) without reproach (3:3, 5:7/Col. 1:22, II Pt. 3:12-14, I Jn. 2:28). Jesus stood firm as an example, and so should we, ready for His return.
- ❖ Paul ends with another doxology, see 1:17. Note *K. of K.* and *L. of L.* = God the Father who sends Jesus, yet Jesus shares this title in the only other NT occurrences in Rev. 14:17, 19:16.



Do you know what it is in life that you are really pursuing? Will it make you ready for His coming?