

1 Timothy 6:3-21

³ If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, ⁴ he is conceited *and* understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, ⁵ and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. ⁶ But godliness *actually* is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. ⁷ For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. ⁸ If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. ¹¹ But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance *and* gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴ that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him *be* honor and eternal dominion! Amen. ¹⁷ Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. ¹⁸ *Instruct them* to do good, to be rich in good ^[i]works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed. ²⁰ O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly *and* empty chatter *and* the opposing arguments of what is falsely called “knowledge”— ²¹ which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith.

Guard the Faith

In these final words of Paul in this letter to young Timothy, the tone is drawn from military conflicts.

- F _____ (12)
- C _____ (or command) (13)
- G _____ (20)

A. Those who are d _____ with Doctrine of Christ (3-5)

1. When applied to divine teachings, “Doctrine” is singular (One faith—Eph 4:5; The faith— Jude 3)
- Others left the teaching of Christ (2 Thes 3:14; 2 Jn 10; Gal 1:6)

Why would anyone be dissatisfied with Doctrine?

2. This has been a constant theme in this letter (1:3)
 - C _____ of the dissatisfied (4a)
 - R _____ of dissatisfaction (4b-5, 21)
 - M _____ of dissatisfied (5): _____

B. Those who are _____ (6-10)

- They want to get rich (9)
- The thirst for money will ruin you (10)

What are the signs of “love of money?”

C. Timothy is to keep himself _____ (11-16)

- Flee from love of money (11)
- Avoiding empty things (11, 20)
- Fighting for the faith (12)
- Keeping the commandments (14)
- Guarding what is true (20)

Taking ownership of our faith requires us to do what?

D. Instruction for those who are rich (17-19)

- Not to trust in riches
- Be engaged in doing good

God is not opposed to “science”

- Science is the study or investigation of things
- Science supports Scripture
- Paul is warning against things that are “false”

E. Stay clear of useless and worthless discussions (20-21)

- It is false knowledge, worldly and empty
- KJV uses the word “science”

