

FINISHING WELL

1 Timothy 6:11-16

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1. Tonight we finish our study of 1st Timothy!
2. WORTH CELEBRATING!
 - a. We thought about passing out candy... but 😊
 - b. Mints instead - the gift that keeps on giving!
3. We want to truly learn and engage with these teachings.
 - a. So we want to review and keep trying to put these pieces together into a whole.
4. Reminder that all of our teachings are on our website.
 - a. Video (better quality than FB live), audio, PPTs, and teaching notes.
5. We'll have a chance to share at end of our time what we've been learning! Be thinking now.
6. **VIEW BIBLEPROJECT VIDEO**
 - a. **Helpful resource for studying the Bible: thebibleproject.com**
 - b. **Produce short summary videos for all books of the bible, including many major themes.**
 - c. **Excellent!**
 - d. **We're going to begin today watching their summary vid of 1 Tim. Help us finish up this study well – put the pieces together well.**
7. **We're passing around the summary poster from this video. Encourage you to keep it in your notes or Bible. Maybe 1st page of 1st Tim. Build up these resources and tools to help us remember.**
 - a. **WATCH VIDEO**
 - b. **THEN Pass out sheets**
8. What we've studied in 1 Timothy (14 so far, 15 incl tonight)
 - a. All under the central theme of AIMING FOR LOVE in the HH of God
 - i. Seen in 1:5 and 3:15
 - b. All these topics we've studied are in the context of aiming for LOVE!
 - i. Whether that's with God's design for human sexuality, addressing specifically the topic of homosexuality.
 - c. The place for women in the church
 - i. We studied and decided together on this issue that we believe Paul was addressing a specific situation in Ephesus, and that his words restricting women from leading there are in THAT context.
 - ii. And that set in the whole of scripture, we see women a vital part of the Body, and freed to lead and teach God's word as God gifts them for the benefit of the church!
 - d. Membership, Leadership, using our money, and engaging across the generations
 - e. It's all about aiming for LOVE in the HH of God, the Church

1 Timothy 6: 11-16 ESV (p 577)

¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the

appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

[PRAY]

9. FINISHING WELL

- a. Paul's Big 3 – vision for a life well lived
 - i. Pursue / Run after
 - ii. Fight
 - iii. Take Hold (keep your grasp on)
- b. Vision for our lives
 - i. PAUL DID THIS
 - ii. 1 yr later, Paul wrote to Tim again, his last letter before he was executed for his faith
 - 1. 2 Tim 4 (1 page to right!)
 - a. last chapter Paul would write before leaving to be with his beloved brother and king, Jesus the Messiah
 - b. I've fought well
 - c. I've finished the race
 - d. I've Kept (hold)
 - 2. Paul did this well – NOT perfectly, but well enough to end his life proud
 - iii. Because in the end, all of us will follow Paul
 - 1. whether we pass through death or meet Christ in the air at his return
 - 2. All of us have a finite opportunity to live life. On this side of eternity.
 - 3. And we want to live WELL. To look back without true regret.
 - 4. Paul could say this.
 - a. And all indication is Timothy did too
 - b. As have a GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES who've gone on before us.

10. He ends his letter thinking about and worshipping

- a. Well..... God.
- b. He who is so high and lifted up,
 - i. So bright and good
 - ii. That we could never approach or even see him
 - iii. We, who polluted ourselves so with sin and darkness.
 - iv. We with no hope of ever seeing or drawing close to God....
- c. Paul worships the God
 - i. Who did the unthinkable and the humanly impossible – came near to us
- d. How he became one of us... Jesus
 - i. Who made a way where there was no way
- e. And sacrificed himself in an act of incredible love.
- f. For us.
- g. That's the Gospel
 - i. That's the GOOD confession.
 - ii. That Jesus made

- iii. That Paul made
 - iv. That Timothy made.
 - h. And that WE make
 - i. That we CONFESS with our mouths that HE is Who he said he is
 - 1. The Source
 - 2. The sacrifice
 - 3. King of Kings
 - 4. Lord of Lords
 - ii. We shall be rescued
 - iii. And brought near, wrapped in love and light
 - 1. The overwhelming presence of God the eternal one.
 - i. To HIM, be honor and eternal dominion
 - i. Forever and ever

11. For HIM,

- a. We Pursue
- b. We Fight
- c. We Hold On

12. FOR HIM WE FINISH WELL

13. AND TO Him we'll go!

- a. And to his arms we'll go, when our life here is done.
- b. He's coming back, ladies and gentlemen.
- c. He'll be here. Right here.
- d. He's going to move BACK into the neighborhood
 - i. Raise us with him to live forever
 - ii. And he's going to wipe every tear from our eye
 - iii. Heal every hurt
 - iv. Make everything new.
 - v. And everything sad come untrue.

14. THAT'S why we're here!

- a. THAT'S WHY we aim for LOVE in the Household of God. THAT'S why we're studying 1 Tim now.

15. In the end, the foundational message of 1 Timothy is the same as the whole of Scripture:

- a. It's all about Loving God and Loving People, because of how God has loved us in Christ!
- b. Sound familiar?
- c. TG Mission Statement: "Because God first loved us, we exist to love God and love our neighbors."
 - i. We're not very original 😊

16. Tallgrass

- a. Lets do that! Lets live out our mission.
 - i. Let's AIM FOR LOVE in the Household of God!
 - ii. With our mouths and our hands.
- b. Jesus loved us so
 - i. With his mouth, he spoke what was true... and gave the GOOD CONFESSIO before Pilate
 - ii. With his hands, spread wide, nailed to the cross, he served us in sacrificial love to the last.
 - iii. So that with his hands he could embrace us

- iv. And with his mouth kiss us in love.
- v. We love, because he first loved us.
- c. SO lets do likewise!
- d. In the household of God,
 - i. With Holy hands raised in praise
 - 1. Hands laid on one another in fervent prayer
 - ii. With hands ready to serve practical needs of our brothers or sisters.
 - iii. Mouths ready to encourage
 - 1. To remind one another of truth
 - 2. Of God's great love for them
 - 3. Of Christ's return
- e. Then overflowing with love toward our lost neighbors
 - i. With our mouths and hands
 - 1. With truth
 - 2. AND service
 - ii. Hands that serve
 - 1. Serving and engaging those who might be different from us
 - a. In SES
 - b. In skin color
 - c. In culture
 - d. In their understanding of sexuality
 - e. In their politics
 - 2. Meeting needs of the poor all around us. Poverty on many levels.
 - 3. Getting creative! Dreaming big. Taking scary exciting steps of faith together!
 - iii. Mouths tempered and Humbled by gratitude
 - 1. Coupled with hands that love
 - 2. So that THEN our mouths can ready to share the GOOD NEWS of hope in Christ.
- f. In every way we want to aim for LOVE in the HH of God, the Church, in our church, TG.

17. ~~Next Steps of Faith for TG coming out of this Study~~

- ~~a. Practically valuing prayer~~
- ~~b. Engaging winsomely for Christ with those different from us~~
- ~~c. Valuing, Equipping, and Releasing women to lead and teach~~
- ~~d. Dreaming about and stepping into Good works of SERVICE in our city, especially to the poor~~

18. Testimonies Time

- a. How have you experienced love in the HH of God (specifically this one, TG Church)?
- b. What teaching/topic have you been chewing on? Something that's stuck out to you...
- c. What questions remain?
- d. Whats a next step of faith you will take from this study?
- e. What are you dreaming about? (personally, for our church)