

Fight the Good Fight of the Faith

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Passage: I Timothy 1:18-20

Main Point: We must combat false teachers with truth.

Case Study:

A popular Christian author has released a book which clearly contradicts Scripture and sound Christian doctrines. People in your church are excited by the new teachings and want to promote this book to other people who attend your church. How do you expose the false teachings and help your fellow church-goers to recognize them as well?

The Word:

1. Read Ephesians 6:13-18. Discuss the Armor of God and how each piece aids us in our spiritual battle. (v. 18)
2. Sincere faith and a good conscience are mentioned in I Timothy 1:5, 19, and 3:9. Why is having a sincere faith and good conscience important? (v. 19).
3. Read II Timothy 2:16-18. Who were Hymenaeus, Alexander, and Philetus? What were their sins? (v. 20).

The World:

1. Read I Corinthians 5:1-8. What does it mean to turn someone over to Satan? What is the intent of doing such a thing? (v. 20).
2. What is a shipwrecked faith? (v. 19).
3. Paul's command to Timothy can be found in I Timothy 1:3-4. Why did Paul give this command to Timothy? (v. 18)

The Application:

1. What false doctrines have you encountered that you need to combat?
2. How can you maintain a sincere faith and a good conscience?
3. Who encourages you when your faith is challenged? Why is the environment of the church vital to the believer in a world full of false teachings?

What Questions do I have for my Family Group?

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Key Cross References:

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How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.