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“But you, man of God, flee from all this...”

I Timothy 6:11a

I. Knowing Who We Are (I Tim. 6:11a)

- A. “O Man of God” – our position in the eyes of God
- B. This title given to Moses, many prophets, and messengers of God
- C. Paul’s great encouragement to his student
- D. Paul’s challenge to Timothy is to “Flee these things”

II. Knowing What to Flee From (I Tim. 6:3 – 10)

1) False teaching (I Tim. 6:3 – 5)

- A. “Teaches otherwise” – does not agree with the Lord Jesus Christ
- B. Does not agree with “sound instruction” and to “godly teaching”
- C. Lifestyle of disputes and divisions
- D. Ultimately sees “godliness as a means of gain”
- E. “from such withdraw yourself”

2) Discontentment (I Tim. 6:6 – 8)

- A. The true gospel = “Godliness with contentment is great gain”
- B. Contentment = autarkeia = self-sufficiency – complete independence = true peace/happiness
- C. Paul example – Phil. 4:11-13
- D. We brought nothing in and will take nothing out! KISS principle

3) Greed/wealth (I Tim. 6:9 – 10)

- A. Those who “desire” to be rich
- B. Wealth is a great temptation – a “snare”
- C. The “love of money is the root of all kinds of evil” – motive

III. Knowing How to Fight the Good Fight

- A. Both offensive and defensive
- B. Clear focus of our mind and heart
- C. War begins from within