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"...and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith..." I Timothy 6:11b

I. Seeing Timothy as a Leader

- A. Paul is preparing Timothy to influence the world (I Tim. 4:11 16)
- B. We are all leaders in our areas of influence
- C. Fighting is motivating, guiding, and correcting
- D. "Pursue" = *dioko* = Present Active Imperative earnestly seek to acquire

II. Standing Up for Righteousness!

- A. "Righteousness" = dikaios = integrity, truth in thinking, feeling, and acting
- B. We are made righteous through Christ (Isa. 61:10; 2 Cor. 5:21)
- C. What is our standard of truth? God's Word! (Rom. 1:16,17)
- D. WWJD How did Jesus confront unrighteousness? Jewish Leaders & disciples

III. Standing Up for Godliness!

- A. "Godliness" = *eusebeia* = A respect and appreciation for Yahweh and His purposes
- B. We find ourselves in a "godless" worldview denying/ignoring God's existence
- C. We must stand up to our culture that rejects God (2 Tim. 3:12)
- D. WWJD How did Jesus confront ungodliness? (John 2:14; Matt. 21:12,13)

IV. Standing Up for Faith!

- A. "Faith" = *pistis* = Acts of trusting in God and faithfulness to principles
- B. The "object" of our faith what we depend upon makes all the difference
- C. To remain faithful to our principles despite persecution or tribulation (Heb. 10:23)
- D. To encourage those in our sphere of influence to practice a lifestyle of faithfulness
- E. WWJD How did Jesus confront lack of faith? (Matt. 6:30, 8:26, 14:31, 16:8, 17:20)