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“Fight the good fight of faith. Hold on to the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession...”
I Timothy 6:12

I. Fighting The Good Fight of Faith (I Tim. 6:12a)

- A. “Fighting” (Imp) = *aganizo* = to contend with an enemy – as a competition to the end
- B. “The good fight of faith” – To further the kingdom of God through faith in Christ
- C. Following the example of Paul – 2 Tim. 4:7 – “fought the good fight... finished the race ... kept the faith”
- D. Keeping our eyes on the ultimate purpose of life – His eternal kingdom

II. Holding on to The Eternal Life (I Tim. 6:12b)

- A. “Hold on” (Imp) = *epilambano* = to overtake/seize to own – take with both hands!
- B. “The Eternal Life” – The purpose of our existence beyond this earth and time
 - 1. Our promise of eternal life (John 3:16; I Peter 1:3,4)
 - 2. Our experience of eternal life (*zoe*) (2 Cor. 4:16 – 18)
 - 3. Our focus on that which will last beyond this life/time (Matt. 16:26)
- C. “Called” – God’s work toward humanity – drawing us to see beyond
- D. “Confession” – Our acceptance and obedience toward God

III. Fighting Focused on the Big Picture

- A. Keeping your eyes on the real mission – The Big Picture = Eternal life for all (I Tim. 2:4-6)
- B. Not getting distracted by the present/mundane/empty (Col. 3:1 – 3)
- C. The “unifying principle” of our shared purpose (Col. 3:15 – 17)
- D. The “contentment factor” in an overwhelming reality (I Tim. 6:13 – 15a)