

## We Are the Living Picture of God - 1 Timothy

### Daily Faith in the Gospel Is a Fight! 1 Timothy 1:18-20

#### Introduction:

#### I. Shepherds of the local church are called to faithfulness in leading v.18

Paul's charge to Timothy is in reference to 1:3-4

Some already messing with simplicity--specific commands of true gospel

- special understanding O.T. genealogies, mystery myths vs. 3-4
- "correct" place of OT law, mix w/ grace—watered dn. Vs. 6-9
- perverting simplicity of faith, faith, faith in gospel of finished work

#### II. Leaders called to wage war/fight for the gospel way of living v. 18

Clear message of repentance & faith

Jude 3

1Tim. 6:12

Clear conscience: internal moral compass sensitive to voice of God v.19

#### III. Shipwreck will come if we cool down our fight of the faith v. 19-20

##### We must not dull our clear conscience

Take note of Hymenaeus & Alexander:

2Timothy 2:17-18 know abt. Hymenaeus, assume same Alexander

Rescue the shipwrecked:

1Corinthians 5:5

2Thessalonians 3:14-15

#### Application:

**1. Faith, confidence, believing in the gospel as life's solution is worth fighting for!** We must have tenacious grab of the gospel as the power and the scope for every issue of my life. Do I prize the gospel of grace?

The false teachers at Ephesus formed a subtle alternate—pride was fed and an alternative to grace was held ("Come on, everyone likes a pat on the back once in a while," etc.) 1Tim 6:12

**2. The easy way, versus the fight of faith** Myriad of ways that I don't need the gospel – in order to be sane, keep my wits, get through life. **All lies!**

Romans 5:6-8

## 1 Timothy 1:18-20 ESV

This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,<sup>19</sup> holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith,<sup>20</sup> among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.