



## Carry Out Your Ministry Charge

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### **TODAY'S READING:** 1 Timothy 6

Starting the Christian life is easy; finishing well is another matter. In the final section of this letter, Paul tells Timothy and us how to finish well. Paul issues a ministry charge to Timothy. Carrying out this charge is the key to finishing the Christian life well. In verse 11, Paul tells Timothy to flee worldliness (money and materialism) and follow godliness. The person of God must separate and withdraw from the pursuits of the world and go after godliness. We are instructed to build lives of righteousness. It is a picture of being right with God. We are also to pursue faith. The idea here is faithfulness or dependability. A person of God can be counted on in word and deed. We must also develop a love for God and others.

In verse 12 we arrive to that statement we hear often, "Fight the good fight of faith." It is the struggle we undertake to get truth ahead of error. Whether it is false teachers, false philosophies, or false gods; the person of God wants the truth to be known because it is what their lost family and friends need. Keeping the commandments of the Lord will be part of the plan for us in fighting the good fight. The basic training for the Christian soldier in this fight include prayer, Bible study, witnessing, church attendance, serving, and Christian fellowship.

As the Lord gave a good confession to Pilate all of us need to give a good confession when given an opportunity. A genuine relationship with God through Jesus Christ is our confession. We are to give testimony to it. We are to be witnesses to this fact. We must never quit carrying out our ministry charge to a lost and dying world.

**PRAYER:** Lord, help me daily to prioritize the pursuit of godliness over worldly success. Help me through the Holy Spirit to faithfully carry out my ministry charge and point people to Jesus. Amen.

### **TOMORROW'S READING:** 2 Timothy 1

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