



# The Good Fight

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To continue encouraging him to proclaim Jesus boldly, Paul reminds Timothy that fighting the good fight leads to an eternal reward.



Timothy, my time here is short



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# Last Words



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- The weight of last words





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- The weight of last words
- Passing the baton, the mantle



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- The weight of last words
- Passing the baton, the mantle
- Urgency



# Fight The Good Fight



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What it is NOT –





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What it is NOT –

- Fighting people



## 2 Timothy

2:14 – “remind them not to quarrel about words...”

2:24-25a – “The Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome, but kind to everyone...patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness.”



# The Good Fight

What it is NOT –

- Fighting people



# The Good Fight

What it is NOT –

- Fighting people
- Fighting a good fight



# The Good Fight

What it is NOT –

- Fighting people
- Fighting a good fight
- Fighting well





You fight good



# The Good Fight

What it is NOT –

- Fighting people
- Fighting a good fight
- Fighting well



# The Good Fight

What it is NOT –

- Fighting people
- Fighting a good fight
- Fighting well
- A sprint





# The Good Fight

IS:



# The Good Fight

IS:

The struggle to continue – through disappointments, difficulties, opposition, and failure – pouring out the content and character of the gospel for others.



# The Good Fight

IS:



# The Good Fight

IS:

- For a limited time



# The Good Fight

IS:

- For a limited time
- Eternally significant



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## IS:

- For a limited time
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- A fight (requires effort)



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# Kept The Faith





# Kept The Faith

- Preserved the content of the Gospel
  - Jesus + Nothing



# Kept The Faith

- Preserved the content of the Gospel
  - Jesus + Nothing
- Persevered in pouring it out for others



# What it feels like...



# What it feels like...

- Overwhelming
  - “No ordinary people”



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- Overwhelming
  - “No ordinary people”
- Tiring, Depressing, Discouraging
  - No end to the opposition



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- Overwhelming
  - “No ordinary people”
- Tiring, Depressing, Discouraging
  - No end to the opposition
- Scary
  - No guarantee of success
  - It’s costly



# What it feels like...

- Overwhelming
  - “No ordinary people”
- Tiring, Depressing, Discouraging
  - No end to the opposition
- Scary
  - No guarantee of success
  - It’s costly
- Frustrating
  - Change is slow



# Where are you feeling the fight?

- Overwhelmed
- Tired, Depressed, Discouraged
- Scared
- Frustrated





# Let's Ask For God's Help



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# The Crown of Righteousness

- The Victor's Wreath





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- **Stephanos = crown**







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# The Crown of Righteousness

- The Victor's Wreath
  - The fight/race is over



# The Crown of Righteousness

- The Victor's Wreath
  - The fight/race is over
  - “Well done”



# The Crown of Righteousness

- The Victor's Wreath
- Christ's Righteousness



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# On That Day



# On That Day

- When Jesus is the Righteous Judge



# 2 Timothy 4:1

<sup>1</sup> I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead...





# On That Day

- When Jesus is the Righteous Judge



# On That Day

- When Jesus is the Righteous Judge
- When He has returned in power and glory...



# On That Day

- When Jesus is the Righteous Judge
- When He has returned in power and glory...
- To judge the living and the dead...



# On That Day

- When Jesus is the Righteous Judge
- When He has returned in power and glory...
- To judge the living and the dead...
- With eternal judgments:
  - Eternal rewards for the faithful
  - Eternal punishment and separation for those without faith



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# Two Expressions of Faith

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# Two Expressions of Faith

- Fight the Good Fight
- Love His Appearing



# Loving His Appearing

- What does that mean?



# Holidays



# Loving His Appearing

- What are the obstacles?



# Loving His Appearing

- What are the obstacles?
  - Remnant of works-based acceptance



# Leonardo's Last Words

“I have offended God and mankind because my work did not reach the quality it should have.”





# Loving His Appearing

- What are the obstacles?
  - Remnant of works-based acceptance
  - All the unknowns



# Loving His Appearing

- What are the obstacles?
  - Remnant of works-based acceptance
  - All the unknowns
  - Loving this world too much



# Loving His Appearing

- What does it look like?



# Loving His Appearing

- What does it look like?
  - We look forward to completion and rest



# Loving His Appearing

- What does it look like?
  - We look forward to completion and rest
  - We trust in His wisdom, goodness, and power



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- What does it look like?
  - We look forward to completion and rest
  - We trust in His wisdom, goodness, and power
- The Triune God is our treasure



# Asking For God's Help

- A greater awareness of our sin, that we might long to be free of it
- A stronger confidence in His perfect wisdom, infinite goodness, and unlimited power
- A deeper experience of His love, that we might treasure Him and share Him above everything

