

1 Timothy 1:1-3, 18-19

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope, ²To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines.

¹⁸This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight, ¹⁹keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.

SERMON NOTES

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T. Don Guthrie, preaching

Fight Club

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"You don't know yourself until you've been in a fight." --Tyler Durden

New young pastor in Ephesus.

For a wide door for effective *service* has opened to me,
and there are many adversaries. (1 Corinthians 16:9)

FIGHT! *strateo* (strategy)

Fight the GOOD fight!

Keep FAITH!

And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well;
go in peace." (Luke 8:48)

Keep GOOD CONSCIENCE!

"to see with"

Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do
and does not do it, to him it is sin. (James 4:17)

"If, at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power, I have lost every other friend on earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and that friend shall be deep down inside of me...I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light I have." --Abraham Lincoln

Shipwreck!

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. (Ephesians 6:10-11)