

Midweek Study

Notes

GOD'S
Dream Church

Through 1 Timothy

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Run for Your Life

1 Timothy 6:3-11

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I. RUN FROM THESE THINGS:

1. Doctrinal Error (6:3)

2. Word Battles (6:4-5)

Paul uses the phrases “sound words” and “sound teaching/doctrine” (1:10; 2 Tim. 4:3; Titus 1:9; 2:1) in a technical sense to mean “orthodox teaching from Christ through the apostles.” This is not someone who merely differs from the pastor on a nonessential matter of doctrine, or even advocates a different ministry method. Paul had in mind someone who strays from God’s Word in forming his or her beliefs.¹

3. Desire for Wealth (6:6-10)

Be content:

- who you are (6:6)
- what you have (6:7-8)

See Philippians 4:10-13

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I shall return there” (Job 1:21).

“As he had come naked from his mother’s womb, so will he return as he came.

He will take nothing from the fruit of his labor that he can carry in his hand” (Eccl. 5:15).

The Talmud observes, “Man is born with his hands clenched; he dies with his hands wide open.

Entering life he desires to grasp everything; leaving the world, all that he possessed has slipped away.”²

¹ Charles Swindoll, Swindoll’s Living Insights New Testament Commentary – 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, (Nashville, Tennessee: Tyndale House Publishers, 2014), 130.

² Ibid., 135.

Notes

Desire for wealth brings:

- “Temptation.” The Greek noun is based on the verb meaning “to test,” “to examine.” The Bible tells us to flee temptation (1 Cor. 6:18; 10:14; 2 Tim. 2:22).
- “A snare.” The Greek term means a “trap.”
- “Foolish (literally “non-thinking”) and harmful lusts”
- “destruction (or, internal corrosion) and perdition” The Bible often uses “perdition” to signify “eternal damnation”

II. RUN TOWARDS THESE THINGS (6:11):

1. RIGHTEOUSNESS (see also Philippians 3:7-14)

- right standing with God / right living for God

2. GODLINESS (1 Timothy 4:7-8)

- living to glorify God

3. FAITH (Hebrews 11:1, 6)

- active reliance on God and His promises

4. LOVE (John 13:34-35)

5. PATIENCE (Hebrews 12:1-4)

- or steadfast perseverance

6. GENTLENESS (2 Timothy 2:24-25)