

Small Group Questions
Taking Hold of Your Kingdom Life
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THE FINAL FIVE “F” WORDS in the book of 1 Timothy

- Have you ever been coached by a really inspiring person? Tell the story and share with your group the kinds of things that person would say or get you to focus on.
- Have you ever coached a team? What was good about coaching and what was difficult?

1 Timothy 6:11-21

Here is Coach Paul’s final charge to Timothy

1 Timothy 6:11 (NIV) But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14 to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Paul the greatest Kingdom Life Coach, implores Timothy, the church in Ephesus and US to FLEE, to FOLLOW righteousness and to FIGHT the good FIGHT of the FAITH. He then interestingly goes on and makes some comments about FINANCES and he then concludes with some FINAL comments to Timothy encouraging him to be FAITHFUL in his Kingdom Life. Notice all the words starting with the letter F? Let’s look at our first word...

1. FLEE

1 Timothy 6:11 But you, man of God, flee from all this,

- What do you think is the greatest compliment you could ever receive?
- *If you are someone who likes to debate and argue especially around biblical issues what are you doing to flee from an unhealthy interest in controversy and preserve unity?*
- *What are you doing to flee from the love of money in a culture that is in love with money?*

2. FOLLOW

11b and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

Discuss this quote, “We don’t want to *ONLY* be known for the things that we oppose but rather these things that we propose.”

What did Paul propose? Discuss

- Righteousness & Godliness
 - Faith & Love
 - Endurance & Gentleness
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- Which of these virtues do you need to pursue as an area of growth in your Kingdom Life? Personal integrity, Godly conduct, faithfulness, sacrificial love, endurance and gentleness!

3. FIGHT

12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

- Discuss your take on what it means to Fight the good Fight of the Faith?
- So what is the one practical thing you can do that will help you fight the good fight and take hold your Kingdom life? I want you to be very specific.

4. FINANCES

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Discuss this Quote “Genuine wealth is found in what we give and not what we have!” Another Kingdom Life paradox!

- What do you think it means when Paul says that, “God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment?”
- Is that how you see your finances? If you don’t see yourself as a steward of God’s finances, what would it take? What would it take for you to become a KINGDOM STEWARD?

If you were in the service on Sunday you would’ve heard about our new discipleship course called CAP money. Have a chat about this so that those who weren’t there, get to hear all about it.

5. FAITHFUL

20 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, 21 which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

- What are the 2 challenges that Paul leaves Timothy with?
- What is significant about the way that he signs off his letter?

As we conclude take some space to reflect on these final 10 verses.

- What has the Spirit and the Word of God deposited in you?
- What is the one thing that you can do intentionally to implement or action what the Lord has said?
One thing that will help you grow in your Kingdom Life?

PRAY For each other