



TALK IT OVER

Taking Hold of True Life

Flee. Pursue. Fight - Ross Frisbie

1 Timothy 6:11-16

DT - DOMINANT THOUGHT

Not all unity is good, and not all division is bad.

CONVO STARTER

How should the church balance this idea of unity and division when it comes to being similar/being different than the world?

CONSIDER THIS

- Flee ungodly things.
- Pursue a godly life.
- Fight the good fight of faith.

RESOURCES

- [Pikes Peak Christian Church](#)
- [Sermon Video](#)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

- "This text can help you approach life in a way that will allow you to thrive, not just survive. Paul is going to instruct Timothy to do three things to begin to take hold of life that is truly life. - Ross Frisbie
- *If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, he is conceited and understands nothing.* - 1 Timothy 6:3
- "Godliness with contentment is the key. To flee any ungodly thing, you must be content with Christ. So I guess the question we really need to answer would be, is Christ enough? Can you say, I have enough in Christ?" - Ross Frisbie
- *Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love, so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives.* - Psalm 90:14
- "As we pursue something like righteousness, there will inevitably be some things that we are against because not all unity is good, and not all division is bad. Lord willing, we can become known more for the godly things we pursue." - Ross Frisbie
- *May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation - the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ - for this will bring much glory and praise to God.* - Philippians 1:11
- "Right here in between fleeing and pursuing is where we fight. We faith for our faith right here in the tension between fleeing the ungodly things or our culture and pursuing the godly things of the kingdom." - Ross Frisbie
- *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful.* - 2 Timothy 4:7

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Read 1 Timothy 6:3-11a. Flee ungodly things. To flee from something means to run from it, create some distance, and don't mess with it. We sometimes like to play games with temptation and sin, but Paul says to keep running from false doctrine, pointless arguments, love of money, and sexual immorality. This means we have to build a character of resistance to sin that can meet that moment of temptation, similarly to how Joseph denied the sexual advances of Potiphar's wife. The less content we are, the more difficult it will be to flee temptation when that time comes. **What has your journey with contentment been like? How do you deal when temptation comes (what kinds of temptation do you most often endure)?**

Read 1 Timothy 6:11b, Philippians 1:11, and Galatians 6:9. Pursue a godly life. We do not want to simply be known for what we are against, but also what we are for. We are against sin and temptation, but we are for righteousness and sanctification. Remember that these are things we develop over time as we live out our faith. We pursue righteousness (personal integrity), faithfulness (teachability and availability), love (sacrifice for others), patience and endurance, and gentleness. **Are these things that you are pursuing? If so, how? Would you rather be known for what you are against or known for what you are for? Explain.**

Read 1 Timothy 6:12-16. Fight the good fight of faith. We should be fired up by these verses! The good fight of faith is a tough one sometimes. It can be agonizing, but we must engage the fight. Paul charges Timothy to do his fighting in a way that is blameless, without spot or blemish. However, we must be careful we don't get caught up in fighting over unimportant things (not essential to salvation and not kingdom-focused). **What are some things we fight about that we shouldn't in the church? What are some things we need to fight for more?**

ACTION STEP

Through all of the ups and downs of life, there should be some landmark moments or seasons that give us strength or courage to keep going when things get really hard. **Reflect on a season of life where you did these things: flee ungodly things, pursue a godly life, and fight the good fight of faith.** Let that season serve as a reminder of God's faithfulness as you prepare to face more trials ahead.