

Part 5: Paul's Charge to Timothy – Contend for the Faith! 1 Timothy 1:18-20

- **Series Goal: 1 Tim 3:14-15**

This is the heart of a biblical ministry: pastor's _____ up spiritual heirs to take over the work of the ministry. 1 Cor 4:15

- **A leader's first responsibility? Vs 3**

It's the "godly _____ which is in the faith" – Do, you must. Vs 4.

Rom 14:19; 1 Cor 10:23; 1 Thess 5:11

Vs 18-20 are the culmination of this main focus of chapter 1.

I. What Leaders _____ – Vs 18-19a

A. Battle for the Bible – Vs 18 (How to War a Good Warfare) _____.

- **The word "charge" is also translated as "_____ " in Vs 5!**

We are to contend for the truth. 2 Tim 2:1-2

- **In God's word, Tim found his job description, and a battle plan...**

Paul commissioned Timothy to the task – warfare with the Word.

KEY: Christianity is not a social club, it is special forces training. Right now, you are not at an event or a "service" – you are IN service. You are at a tactical briefing right now. **2 Tim 2:3-4**

- **The Christian is to engage in a _____ (yet literal) battle. 1 Tim 6:12**

It can be done. 2 Tim 4:7

- Do you know what weapons to use? **2 Cor 10:4**

FIRST: You war effectively by _____ God's Word to your life, and situations. Eph 6:13-17

John 17:17; Psa 119:172; Rom 10:9-17

SECOND: You must _____ your enemy. There are _____ main enemies.

1. The _____: Eph 6:12-17

2. The _____: 1 John 2:16; 2 Cor 10:3-4

3. The _____: John 15:18-19

B. _____ the Faith – Vs 3-19a (How to Hold the Course) **Purity**

- **Why? Because "Hymenaeus and Alexander's" keep infiltrating the church to over throw the faith of some! Titus 1:9-11**

By faith we stand.

- **Faith is simply _____ God at his _____!**

We need to serve to build up others in their faith. **Luke 17:5; Rom 14:1; Jude 1:20**



PREACH - THE CORRECT MESSAGE

1 TIMOTHY – LEADERSHIP IN LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY

Another thing that warring a good warfare / following in faith does...

It results in a “good conscience.” Rom 9:1

- ***The conscience, biblically, can exist in different states.***

Act 23:1 - good conscience

Act 24:16 - a conscience void of offence

2 Tim 1:3 - pure conscience

Heb 9:14 - purge your conscience

Conversely...

Titus 1:15 - conscience is defiled

1Ti 4:2 - conscience seared

Heb 10:22 - an evil conscience

The conscience is the organ of man's spirit which discerns right from wrong.

There are two functions which conscience fulfills in order to give man moral discernment:

1. It gives a testimony to the _____. 2 Cor 1:12

2. It is able to _____ a testimony from God. 2 Cor 4:2

But even a Christian's conscience can become defiled through sin, and eventually seared beyond feeling through constant misuse.

KEY: Your conscience is like a _____ – you keep stretching it, it _____.

II. What _____ Have – Vs 19b-20

A. **Another Doctrine – Vs 3, 19b (How to _____ Your Faith – No Conscience)**
Their _____.

- *Look at vs 3, vs 6 and vs 19: “some”*
“Shipwreck” a journey that fails, drowns out.

KEY: We will always have to deal with some that _____ their conscience and work
to wreck the faith of some so badly that they never _____ their _____.

Here we have two men (some) who have swerved from their faith to try and wreck the faith of others. 2 Tim 2:15-18; 4:14-15

The result?

B. **Church _____ – Vs 20 (How to Learn Not to Blaspheme – _____ School)**
Their Punishment

- ***We see the example of this also in 1Cor 5.***

Paul commanded a church to deliver a man who was living in open immorality unto Satan for the destruction of his flesh.

- ***Satan is a very hard _____.***

It is much better to learn obedience at the hands of a loving God, than at the mercy of the leader of the demonic horde. The Devil can teach you but you don't want to learn that way.

