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## Confession

I will have to make a confession at this point. **What kind of confession must you make?** I must confess that I have not done a good job of fleeing the world and all that it has to offer. Furthermore, I could say I have not been content with what you have given to me. I am not happy to make this report. It is more than a little embarrassing to say these words. But, own them I must. I have been captivated by the world. I have continually wanted money and pursued worldly possessions. At times, I am sure that I have lived as if this life was all there was. I have been on a mission to acquire possessions and live in comfort. There you have it; I have confessed my sin before you. I am asking for your forgiveness. **You have my forgiveness.**

**Is there another, much different, confession that you want to make, before me?** Yes, I have a much different confession to make before you. You are the Savior and Lord of my life. It is my utmost desire to flee evil and pursue the life you have called me to live. I want to fight the good fight of faith. I want to firmly take hold of the new and eternal life I have in you. **What will that look like?** My heart and mind and life will be focused on you. The world and all that it has to offer will mean nothing to me. I will love and follow and serve you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I will live to do what is pleasing in your sight. I will go wherever you guide me. I will do whatever you ask of me. **That will be very good.**

**Will you be able to do what is pleasing in my sight with your own efforts? Will you be able to fight the good fight of faith with your own strength? Will you be able to take hold of your new and eternal life with your own power?** Certainly not. **What will you do to accomplish these things?** I will come to rely on you. I will live in your presence. I will walk closely with you. I will listen to your voice. I will receive your instruction. I will follow your guidance. I know that you will draw near to me as I draw near to you. You will help me. You will strengthen me. You will give me the power to go wherever you guide me to do whatever you ask of me. You make me able to take hold of the new and eternal life I have in you. **Yes, I will.** That is what I will do. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, at times I have been tempted by the love of money and the pursuit of material possessions. Now, I am fleeing evil and pursuing the new life you have called me to live. I am fighting the good fight of faith and taking hold of the eternal life I have in you. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *Fight The Good Fight*

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 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.

NIV 1 Timothy 6:11-12

**Becoming Like Christ** *Fight The Good Fight*

But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have confessed so well before many witnesses.

NLT 1 Timothy 6:11-12

**Becoming Like Christ** *Fight The Good Fight*

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

NRSV 1 Timothy 6:11-12

**Becoming Like Christ** *Fight The Good Fight*

But as for you, O man of God, flee from all these things; aim at and pursue righteousness (right standing with God and true goodness), godliness (which is the loving fear of God and being Christlike), faith, love, steadfastness (patience), and gentleness of heart. Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned and [for which] you confessed the good confession [of faith] before many witnesses.

AMP 1 Timothy 6:11-12

**Becoming Like Christ** *Fight The Good Fight*

But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

NASB 1 Timothy 6:11-12

**Becoming Like Christ** *Fight The Good Fight*

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

ESV 1 Timothy 6:11-12

**Becoming Like Christ** *Fight The Good Fight*

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

NKJV 1 Timothy 6:11-12

**Becoming Like Christ** *Run Hard And Fast*

But you, Timothy, man of God: Run for your life from all this. Pursue a righteous life—a life of wonder, faith, love, steadiness, courtesy. Run hard and fast in the faith. Seize the eternal life, the life you were called to, the life you so fervently embraced in the presence of so many witnesses.

MSG 1 Timothy 6:11-12

**Becoming Like Christ** *Fight On For God*

O Timothy, you are God's man. Run from all these evil things, and work instead at what is right and good, learning to trust him and love others and to be patient and gentle. Fight on for God. Hold tightly to the eternal life that God has given you and that you have confessed with such a ringing confession before many witnesses.

TLB 1 Timothy 6:11-12

**Becoming Like Christ** *Fight The Good Fight*

But you, man of God, run away from all those things. Instead, live in the right way, serve God, have faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, grabbing hold of the life that continues forever. You were called to have that life when you confessed the good confession before many witnesses.

NCV 1 Timothy 6:11-12

# Fight The Good Fight

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – 1 Timothy 6:11-12

**In Context:** *Read 1 Timothy 6*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, at times I have been tempted by the love of money and the pursuit of material possessions. Now, I am fleeing evil and pursuing the new life you have called me to live. I am fighting the good fight of faith and taking hold of the eternal life I have in you. Amen

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you been tempted by the love of money or the desire to acquire worldly possessions?

**Why will it be impossible to pursue your life in Christ if you are chasing after money and worldly possessions?**

How are you fleeing the love of money and the desire to acquire worldly possessions?

How have you been learning to be content with what the Lord has given to you?

**How are you fighting the good fight of faith and pursuing the new and eternal life you have in Christ?**

When have you been able to confess and boldly proclaim your faith in Christ to many witnesses?

**How has your heart and mind and life been changed as you have taken hold of your eternal life in Christ?**

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Flee evil, fight the good fight of faith and take hold of the eternal life you have in Christ.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you to flee evil, fight the good fight of faith and take hold of your eternal life in Him.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are taking hold of your new and eternal life in Christ.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you flee evil, fight the good fight of faith and take hold of eternal life that I have in you.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will flee evil, fight the good fight of faith and take hold of eternal life that I have in you.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I flee evil, fight the good fight of faith, and take hold of eternal life that I have in you?*

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