



Fight For Your Faith

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Q—What has been your battle within?

- ✓ Discouragement
- ✓ Jealousy, greed
- ✓ Doubt
- ✓ Fear, anxiety, worry
- ✓ Shame, regret
- ✓ Apathy
- ✓ Anger, bitterness

For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other... Galatians 5:17a (NIV)

Romans 7:15–17, 21–25 (NIV)

Today's Core Truth: Our biggest battle to fight is to win the war within.

1 Timothy 6:2–12 (NLT)

Faith that fights...

⇒ Faith that fights is _____, not passive.

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:17 (NIV)

⇒ Faith that fights believes in the _____.

Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. 1 Corinthians 9:26–27 (NIV)

⇒ Faith that fights _____ that God is for us, not against us.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31b (NIV)

Q—Do you believe God is for you?

⇒ Faith that fights _____ well.

2 Timothy 4:7–8a (NIV)

NEXTsteps I will work on finishing _____ this week

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV) , Hebrews 12:3 (NLT)

ANSWER KEY: active, cause, believes, finishes



Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: *Greed to Godly Gain*

Share Together: Growing up, how were money and possessions viewed or valued?

Reflect together: What impacted you the most from Sunday's message?

Read Together: 1 Timothy 6:2b-12

Discuss Together:

- What motivations does Paul see in these false teachers that he warns Timothy about?
- What are the results of their motives? How do we apply this in our culture today?
- What do you think is the “great gain” in “godliness with contentment”? What does this personally mean to you?
- Is there any situation in life where it might be okay to be discontented?
- What is the root of all evil and why? How have you seen this “love” create all kinds of evil and have devastating effects that Paul references at the end of verse 10?
- Looking at verse 11, what are we to flee from? What are we to pursue?
- What does Paul's term “fight the good fight of faith” tell us about the nature of our Christian life? What kind of fight should we be fighting, while still having godly contentment? How can we do both?
- Practically speaking, how are we to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness? Which one do you desire to personally grow in?
- How could you use prayer for growing in contentment while still fighting the good fight?

Pray Together: Take time to share how God has answered prayer and any prayer requests you have today.