

Study Notes for 1 Timothy 6: 11-21

Read through the entire passage and pray before you get into the questions below.

- What theme, if any, do you see in these final verses?
- Of all the titles Paul could have chosen to refer to his young friend, why do you suppose he picked “man of God”? How would this be a special encouragement to Timothy?
- What is Timothy commanded to avoid or flee from in 6:11?
- What does Paul say he should pursue instead (6:11)?
- For the second time Paul tells Timothy to “fight the good fight” of faith (6:12, see also 1:18). Why is it appropriate for Paul to use this image to talk with Timothy about the Christian walk?
- Why do you think that so many Christians have a hard time grasping the fact that our Christian walk is a battle?
- When you think of the Christian life as a battle what comes to mind?
- What is involved in the idea of taking hold of eternal life? What does that look like? (6:12)
- What great event is foretold in 6:14? And how does Paul use this event to encourage Timothy toward godliness?
- What “timing” (6:15) does Paul give for the second coming of Jesus?
- What further description does Paul give of God in 6:15–16 and why is this significant?
- What does Paul instruct Timothy to do at the beginning of 6:20? How is this a good summary of everything that has been written in this epistle?
- Think about what it means to “guard” something that has been entrusted to you. How do you effectively guard a treasure? What do you do? What don’t you do?
- What negative command does Paul give in 6:20? Why are such commands necessary for today?
- What is the significance of Paul’s last sentence, “Grace be with you”?