

## FIGHTING A GOOD FIGHT

### I Timothy 1:18-20

Intro:

- A. Paul left Timothy in Ephesus for a purpose. He was to exhort and teach.
  - 1. He is to command them to, "teach no other doctrine".
  - 2. Some had swerved from the truth.
  - 3. Some were misapplying the law.
- B. Paul wanted Timothy to be true to the charge that he had given him.
  - 1. It was necessary for the good of the church. They would follow their blind guides.
  - 2. It was necessary to bring about the repentance of those who had swerved.

#### I. Paul's Charge To Timothy. Vs 18

- A. "This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy..."
  - 1. "Charge" = παραγγελια = "from the military, a general order".
  - 2. "Commit" = παρατιθημι = "to place on one's account", "to deposit", "to entrust".
  - 3. "This general order I entrust to you..."
- B. "...according to the prophecies which went before on thee,..."
  - 1. "Prophecies" = προφητεια = "a speaking forth", "statements made under divine influence".
  - 2. "What the prophets said who first directed me to you" - MOF
- C. "...that thou by them mightest war a good warfare."
  - 1. "War" = στρατευω = "to wage war", "to serve in war", "to be a soldier".
  - 2. "Warfare" = στρατεια = "a military campaign, an expedition".
  - 3. "That you may, aided by them, fight a good fight."



4. Timothy was pointed out by church prophets as possessing certain characteristics that would be of benefit to him as a servant of Jesus Christ. He was to use these as weapons as he fought this particular battle.

## II. The Danger Of Shipwreck. Vs 19

- A. "Holding faith,..."
  1. "Holding" = "to have and to hold continually".
  2. "Faith" = ΠΙΣΤΙΣ = "firm persuasion".
  3. "Hold onto faith".
- B. "...and a good conscience..."
  1. "Good" = αγαθος = "by itself good", "worthy".
  2. "Conscience" = συνειδησις = "knowing one's self, being one's own judge".
- C. "...which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:"
  1. "Put away" = απωθεομαι = "to push away from one's self", "to deliberately repudiate".
  2. "Faith" = "the faith".
  3. "Shipwreck" = ναυαγειω = "to suffer shipwreck" To leave all but one's life.

## III. Examples Of Those Who Made Shipwreck Of The Faith.

- A. "Of whom is Hymenaeus..."
  1. A literal man in the church.
  2. The error of Hymenaeus II Timothy 2:16-18
- B. "...and Alexander;..."
  1. A man who stuck in Paul's mind.
  2. II Timothy 4:14-15
  3. Acts 19:32-41
- C. "...whom I have delivered unto Satan,..."
  1. "Delivered" = παραδιδωμι = "to hand over to another".
  2. I Corinthians 5:3-5

D. "...that they may learn not to blaspheme."

1. "Learn" = παιδευω = "to discipline" Here the emphasis is on punishment rather than instruction.
2. "Blaspheme" = βλασφημειν = Pres. act. inf. = "To speak harshly of God, or God's work. Here Paul probably means they slander God by slandering him."