

“The Gospel Ministry: A Noble War”

Text – 1 Timothy 1:17-20

Series – God’s Blueprint for the Church

I. The Duty of the Gospel ministry (1:18a)

- A. The bestowal of Timothy’s commission (1:18a)
- B. The basis of Timothy’s commission (1:18c)
- C. The benefit of Timothy’s commission (1:18)

II. The Demands of the Gospel ministry (1:18b)

- A. The ministry is a call to war.
 - 1. A war against spiritual darkness (1 Peter 5:8; John 14:30; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 6:12)
 - 2. A war under the banner of Christ and the Cross (Hebrews 2:10; 2 Timothy 4:5-7)
- B. The ministry is a “good [noble, honorable] warfare. (1:18c)

The ministry requires military discipline .

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| 1. <u>Focus</u> (2 Tim. 4:2) | 4. <u>Endurance</u> (2 Tim. 4:5b) |
| 2. <u>Determination</u> (2 Tim. 4:2) | 5. <u>Perseverance</u> (2 Tim. 4:5b) |
| 3. <u>Sacrifice</u> (2 Tim. 4:5) | 6. <u>Fight</u> (2 Tim. 4:7) |

III. The Disciplines of the Gospel ministry (1:18b-19)

- A. Two essentials to “war a good warfare” (1:18b-19)
- B. Consequence of abandoning the faith and a good conscience: Shipwreck (1:19b)

IV. The Dangers posed by Spiritual Shipwrecks (1:20)

- A. Two notable examples of spiritual shipwrecks (1:20a)
- B. Spiritual gangrene demands radical amputation [Excommunication] (1:20b).
 - 1. Process – “delivered unto Satan” (1:20b)
 - 2. Purpose – “...that they may learn not to blaspheme” (1:20c)