

Today, we'd like to see the title of "Man of God" in the book of 1 Timothy 6:11-21

To Online Word's people on the earth, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions.

Q1. In verse 11, "But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness," what does it mean? And how could it apply to our life?

Q2. In verse 17, "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy," what does it mean? And how should we do accordingly?

Q3. In verse 20, "O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane *and* idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—," what does it mean?

(Background)

This is a letter which Paul sent to Timothy.

(1 Timothy 6:6-10)

⁶ Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Christian's characters in this chapter (see verse 11) – "righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness" are the characters of Christ coming from the fullness of Word and of the Spirit.

(Text)

<p>¹¹ But you, O <u>man of God</u>, <u>flee these things</u> and <u>pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.</u></p> <p>¹² <u>Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession</u> in the presence of many witnesses.</p> <p>¹³ I <u>urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,</u></p> <p>¹⁴ that you keep <u>this commandment</u> without spot, blameless <u>until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,</u></p> <p>¹⁵ which He will manifest in His own time, <i>He who is the blessed and only <u>Potentate</u>, the King of kings and Lord of lords,</i></p>	<p>11=Q1 man of God (most prophets in OT, e.g. Moses, but NT we as saints are worthy to be called men of God or people of God ¹ <i>Deut 33:1</i>); flee (active verb) these things (desire to be rich & the love of money, verses 9 & 10); pursue (active word), righteousness (rooted from faith ² <i>Rom 1:17</i>), godliness (likeness of god, i.e. likeness of Christ, Christ's mind ³ <i>Phil 2:5</i>), faith (rooted from the word of God ⁴ <i>Rom 10:17</i>), love, patience, gentleness (fruit of the Spirit is Agape love which can describe in various derivatives ⁵ <i>Gal 5:22-23</i>))</p> <p>12= fight (active verb); good fight of faith (fight for faith), lay hold (active verb, stand on, cleave to), eternal life (everlasting life) (So, Christian's work is either passive act or active act, here flee, pursue, fight, and lay hold are active verbs. Those depend upon the work of the Holy Spirit, e.g. work out – active verb– your own salvation ⁶ <i>Phil 2:12-13, Gal 2:20</i>); confessed the good confession [professed a good profession] in the presence of many witnesses (like Apostles' creed before other Christians)</p> <p>13= urge (charge – mentor charges mentee), God who gives life to all things (God who creates all living creatures); Christ Jesus... good confession before Pontius Pilate (My kingdom is not of the world; I as a King should bear witness to the truth ⁷ <i>John 18:35-37</i>)</p> <p>14= this commandment (which is to "fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life"); until our Lord... appearing (the Lord's 2nd coming in heaven)</p> <p>15= Potentate (Sovereign, Ruler)</p>
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¹ *Deut 33:1* Now this *is* the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

² *Rom 1:17* For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

³ *Phil 2:5* Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus

⁴ *Rom 10:17* So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

⁵ *Gal 5:22-23* But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

⁶ *Phil 2:12-13* Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. *Gal 2:20* I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

⁷ *John 18:35-37* Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

<p>¹⁶ who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom <u>no man has seen or can see</u>, to whom <i>be</i> honor and everlasting power. Amen.</p> <p>¹⁷ Command <u>those who are rich in this present age</u> not to be haughty, <u>nor to trust in uncertain riches</u> but <u>in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy</u>.</p> <p>¹⁸ <u>Let them do good</u>, that they be <u>rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share</u>,</p> <p>¹⁹ <u>storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come</u>, that they may lay hold on eternal life.</p>	<p>16= no man has seen or can see (because God is a Spirit ⁸<i>John 4:24</i> e.g. even Moses saw the afterglow in the back of God who knew him face to face ⁹<i>Ex 33:20-23, Deut 34:10</i>)</p> <p>17=Q2 those who are rich in the present age (those who are rich in this world, rich of materials—materials, power or honor given by God when you seek 1st His kingdom and righteousness, e.g. Solomon's seeking wisdom to judge His people, the wisdom, then riches and honors given by God¹⁰ <i>1 Kings 3:12-13, Mat 6:33</i>) nor to trust in uncertain riches (don't trust in material or money; don't have hope in material or money, e.g. rich young ruler who couldn't sell his property to feed the poor¹¹ <i>Mat 16:26; Prov 11:4; Mat 19:23</i>) but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy (such as joy, love, material, power, or honor – enjoy them for God's glory, with contentment, because of your heritage from God, i.e. God's gift ¹²<i>Eccl 5:18-19, 1 Cor 10:31</i>)</p> <p>18= Let them do good, ... rich in good works, ready to give.. (use them for God and for neighbors; be rich of Christ, be rich toward God); willing to share (even the poor of material can share it, e.g. Christians of Macedonia ¹³<i>2 Cor 8:1-2</i>)</p> <p>19= storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come (lay up them in heaven ¹⁴<i>Mat 6:20</i>)</p>
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⁸ *John 4:24* God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

⁹ *Ex 33:20-23* But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." ²¹ And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. ²² So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. ²³ Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.", *Deut 34:10* But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face.

¹⁰ *1 Kings 3:12-13* ¹² behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. ¹³ And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days; *Mat 6:33* But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

¹¹ *Mat 16:26* For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?; *Prov 11:4* Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death. (Riches are helpless for redemption, but faith leads to salvation); *Mat 19:23* Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

¹² *Eccl 5:18-19* Here is what I have seen: *It is good and fitting for one* to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage. ¹⁹ As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor—this is the gift of God.; *1 Cor 10:31* Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

¹³ *2 Cor 8:1-2* Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: ² that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.

¹⁴ *Mat 6:20* but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

<p>²⁰ O Timothy! Guard <u>what was committed to your trust</u>, avoiding the <u>profane and idle babblings</u> and <u>contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge</u>—</p> <p>²¹ <u>by professing it</u> some have <u>strayed concerning the faith</u>.</p> <p>Grace <i>be</i> with you. Amen.</p>	<p>20= Q3 what was committed to your trust (fight the good fight of faith & lay hold on eternal life); profane (unholy) and idle babblings (gossip); contradiction of what is falsely called knowledge [opposition of science falsely so called, KJV, opposing idea of what is falsely NIV] (e.g. evolution theory isn't science – violations of 1st thermodynamics, 2nd thermodynamics, & genealogy)</p> <p>21= by professing it (by following the false knowledge) ; strayed concerning the faith (erred about the faith; turn away from the faith)</p>
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