

## **Becoming An Agent of Change**

Last week, we considered the **1<sup>st</sup> essential discipline** that is required for success.

*You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. **Philippians 2:5***

Today we will consider the **2<sup>sd</sup> essential discipline** that is required for success.

Timothy was a “man of God”

Paul tells Timothy “*Keep a close watch on yourself*” **1 Timothy 4:16**

In **1 Timothy 6:11-21** Paul gives Timothy four admonitions.

If followed they will insure Timothy will be an effective agent of change!

### **I. RUN FROM EVIL *1 Timothy 6:11a***

There are times when fleeing is a mark of wisdom and a means of victory.

The Greek word interpreted “*flee*” or “*run*” means,

separating himself ...from the sins ...of the false teachers.

The servant of God should take a stand against false doctrine and godless practices and separate themselves from them.

### **II. PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND A GODLY LIFE *1 Timothy 6:11b***

It means to run after; to run swiftly after; to hotly pursue; to seek eagerly and earnestly.

There are six things we are to hotly pursue:

Righteousness A godly life Faith Love Perseverance Gentleness

Ask yourself.... “Are these attributes of God flowing through my life?”

### **I. FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT FOR THE TRUE FAITH *1 Timothy 6:12-14***

The verb means .....“Keep on fighting!”

The true nature of the Christian life is that it is a battleground! **Ephesians 6:11, 12**

We are called to strive and agonize for the prize. **2 Timothy 4:6, 7**

### **IV. GUARD WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO YOU *1 Timothy 6:20, 21***

It was Timothy's responsibility.... to guard what God had entrusted to him and then pass it along to others. **2 Timothy 2:1, 2**

We too are stewards of the doctrines of the faith!

God expects us ....to be faithful ....in sharing..... His Good News.

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**IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**