The Measure of a Man June 16, 2019

1 Timothy 6:11-12, "Flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

1. A man of God is measured by what he flees from.

Flee: to keep from doing something by avoiding it because of its potential damage, to flee from, to avoid, to shun

- **1 Corinthians 6:18,** "Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body."
- 1 Corinthians 10:14, "My beloved, flee from idolatry."
- **1 Timothy 6:10-11**, "The love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. Flee from these things."
- 2 Timothy 2:22, "Flee from youthful lusts."
- **1 Timothy 6:6-9,** "Godliness…is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction."

Colossians 3:2-6, "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God... Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. It is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience."

Ephesians 5:3-5, "Immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you... For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God."

2. A man of God is measured by what he follows after.

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Key areas to grow in spiritually as lifelong goals to pursue:

- 1. Righteousness
- 2. Godliness
- 3. Faith
- 4. Love
- 5. Perseverance
- 6. Gentleness

3. A man of God is measured by what he fights for.

1 Timothy 6:11-12, "Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called."

1 Timothy 1:18, "This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight."