



1<sup>st</sup> Timothy  
The Church of the Living God

**Steadfast Soldier or Sunken Sailor?**

- 1 Corinthians 15:1–2 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, **if you hold fast that word which I preached to you— unless you believed in vain**

- Galatians 4:9–11 But now after you have known God, or rather are **known by God, how is it that you turn again** to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? <sup>10</sup> You observe days and months and seasons and years. <sup>11</sup> **I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.**

- 1 Thessalonians 3:4–5 For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that **we would suffer tribulation**, just as it happened, and you know. <sup>5</sup> For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, **I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain**

## I. Steadfast Soldier or Sunken Sailor?

- 1 Timothy 1:18–20 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, **that by them you may wage the good warfare,** <sup>19</sup> having faith and a good conscience, which **some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck,** <sup>20</sup> of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme,

# I. Steadfast Soldier or Sunken Sailor?

- 1 Timothy 1:3–5 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that **you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine**,<sup>4</sup> nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.<sup>5</sup> Now **the purpose of the commandment (charge)** is love from a pure heart, from **a good conscience**, and **from sincere faith**,

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- Pastor's Translation: The **charge I entrust to you**, Timothy **my son**, in accordance to the **prophecies previously made concerning you**, that **by them you might fight the good fight**.

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- 1 Timothy 4:14 **Do not neglect the gift** that is in you, which was **given to you by prophecy** with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

- 1 Corinthians 1:26 For you **see your calling, brethren**, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 1 Corinthians 1:29 that **no flesh should glory in His presence.**
- 1 Corinthians 1:31 that, as it is written, “He who glories, **let him glory in the LORD.**”

- Galatians 5:13 For you, brethren, have been **called to liberty**; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but **through love serve one another.**
- Ephesians 1:18 (NKJV) the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that **you may know what is the hope of His calling**, what are **the riches of the glory of His inheritance** in the saints

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- 1 Peter 1:15 but as **He who called you** is holy, **you also be holy in all your conduct.**

## B. Steadfast Soldiers Must Fight the Good Fight.

- 1 Timothy 1:18b–19a . . . that by them you may **wage the good warfare**, <sup>19</sup> **having faith** and a good conscience,
  1. **WE** fight a good fight by holding onto the faith.

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- 1 Timothy 1:18b–19a . . . that by them you may **wage the good warfare**,<sup>19</sup> having faith and **a good conscience**,

2. We fight a good fight by maintaining a good conscience.

## ➤ The Marks of a Good Conscience:

1. A good conscience **submits** to God's authority and trusts His promises - (1 Tim 1:18-19).
2. A good conscience **lives to honor God** – (2 Corinthians 1:12; Hebrews 13:18)
3. A good conscience **embraces accountability** while living the truth (2 Corinthians 4:2)
4. A good conscience **protects personal purity** (1 Timothy 3:9).

## ➤ Warnings concerning the conscience:

1. Our conscience can be defiled - (Titus 1:15).
2. Defiled conscience will keep you from God – you will feel guilt, but not faith– (Hebrews 10:22)
3. Only Jesus can cleanse your conscience from dead works - (Hebrews 9:14)

## C. Sunken sailors reject God's authority.

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- 1 Timothy 4:1–2 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times **some will depart from the faith**, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, <sup>2</sup> speaking lies in hypocrisy, **having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,**

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### 2. They suffer shipwreck concerning the faith.

- 2 Timothy 2:17–18 And their message will spread like cancer. **Hymenaeus** and Philetus are of this sort, <sup>18</sup> who have **strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past**; and they overthrow the faith of some

D. Sunken sailors must be handed over to their master.

- 1 Tim 1:20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I **delivered to Satan** that they may **learn not to blaspheme**,
- 1 Corinthians 5:5 **deliver such a one to Satan** for **the destruction of the flesh**, that his **spirit may be saved** in the day of the Lord Jesus



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