# 1 Timothy 6 (ESV)

# 11 But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith.

## The Point

To endure to the end, the believer must urgently flee sin, passionately pursue godly character, and fiercely fight to keep the faith — because God is at work in you.

# belong to Jesus

#### I Belong to Jesus

- Paul calls Timothy "O man of God," a unique title showing he was chosen & set apart by God.
- This title reminds us of our true identity not in our age, career, or family, but in belonging to God.
- Our lives belong to Jesus because He bought us with a price.

#### I Belong to Jesus

- When we remember we belong to Jesus, our choices & values begin to change—we start living to please Him.
- Forgetting our identity as Jesus' own can lead to poor decisions & spiritual detours; remembering keeps us grounded.

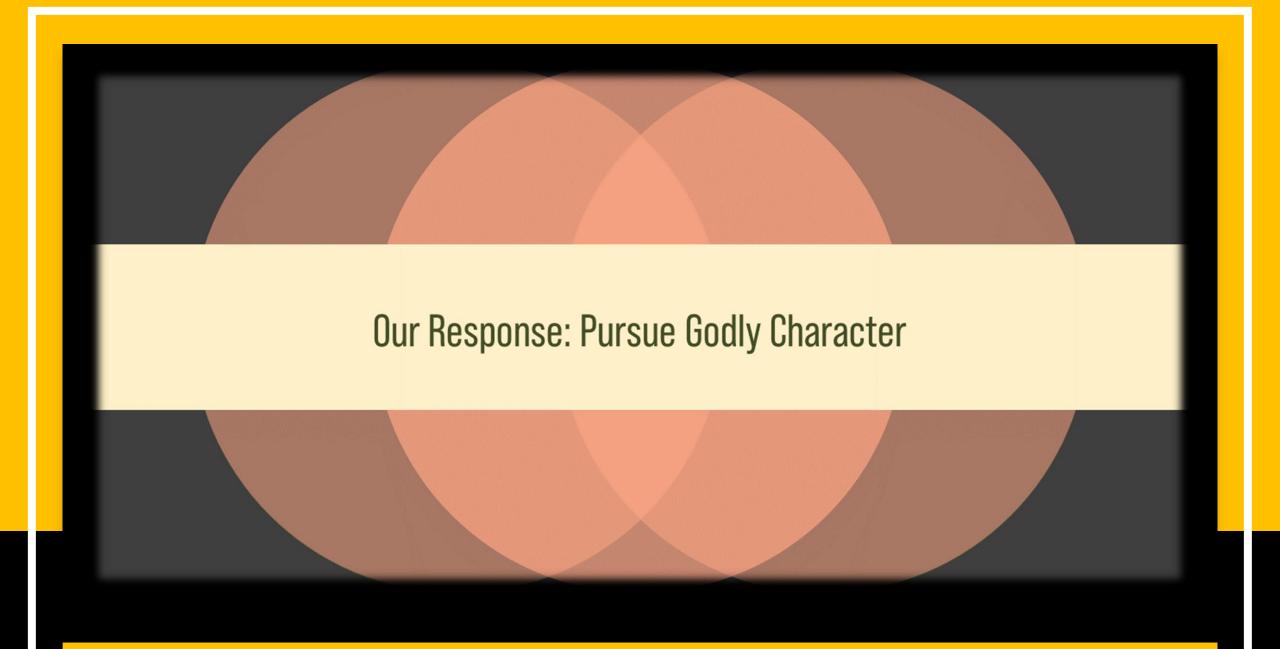


# Flee From Sin

- "Flee" means to run urgently; as if your life depends on it.
- Paul doesn't say to casually avoid sin; he commands us to flee.
- Fleeing sin is not passive it's an active, life-saving decision.
- Just as with physical dangers, we must escape from sin's danger quickly & completely.

# Flee From Sin

- Sin may seem small or harmless, but it destroys slowly & surely.
- Sin always has consequences sometimes immediate, often eternal.
- Fleeing shows we take it seriously.
- As seniors in the faith, we are role models our lives still preach powerfully when we flee sin.

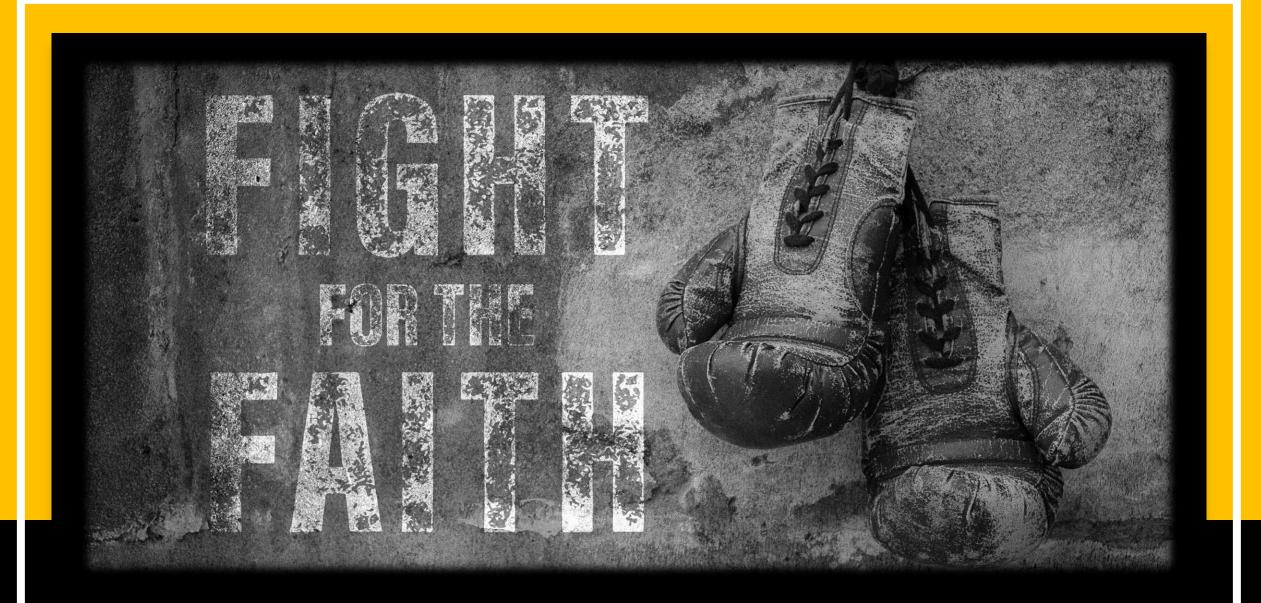


# Pursue Godly Character

- In pursuing something, we are to be passionate, persistent & focused.
- It takes commitment.
- We are to run toward godliness.
- The Christian life is not just about avoiding wrong but actively seeking what's right.
- Righteousness & godliness don't just happen with age they grow through obedience.

# Pursue Godly Character

- We are called to keep running our race, no matter our age.
- Love, gentleness & faith are not weak traits they are the power of Jesus within us.
- These virtues reveal spiritual maturity.
- God honors the senior saint who still seeks Him daily.
- Even as we age, we can powerfully pursue godly character in speech, prayer & love.



# Fighting for the Faith

- The word "fight" comes from "agonize" it means intense struggle.
- Faith is more than belief it's choosing to trust God when it's hard.
- The devil is coming for our faith.
- If he can cause doubt in God's goodness, he undermines everything else.

# Fighting for the Faith

- Faith in God holds our life together.
- If we lose our godliness, we can recover but if we lose our faith, we lose our anchor.
- This fight doesn't stop with age.
- God calls all seniors to finish well still trusting, still fighting, still believing.

# **Practical Applications**

- Start each day by reminding yourself: "I belong to Jesus."
- Post a Bible verse in your room that reminds you of your identity in Jesus.
- Pray daily for godly character: righteousness, love, gentleness, and faith.
- Replace harmful habits with godly ones—like prayer, worship, or Scripture reading.
- When your faith feels weak, ask someone to pray with you—don't fight alone.

# **Discussion Questions**

- What does it mean to you personally to be called a "man or woman of God"?
- How can we pursue godly character with more focus and intention in our senior years?
- Why do you think faith is described as a "fight"?
- Can you recall a time in your life when trusting God was especially hard? How did you respond?
- What's one practical way you can "fight the good fight" this week?