

## **Divine Guidance on how to Fight the Good Fight** **1 Timothy 1:18-20**

**Timothy had been entrusted with a charge (a \_\_\_\_\_) to wage the good warfare**

**The charge (command) that Paul gave Timothy here in this passage is applicable to all \_\_\_\_\_**

**How do we wage spiritual warfare well?**

- 1. Remember that spiritual warfare is first-and-foremost an \_\_\_\_\_ warfare**
  
- 2. Hold onto the \_\_\_\_\_-the word “faith” here is a reference to sound doctrine**
  
- 3. Strive to have a \_\_\_\_\_ before God**

**These two elements (faith/sound doctrine & good conscience/holy life) build upon each other-When one is corrupted the other will be corrupted-they \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ together**

*“All the errors that have existed in the Christian Church from the beginning, proceeded from this source, that in some persons, ambition, and in others, covetousness, extinguished the true fear of God. A bad conscience is, therefore, the mother of all heresies.”*

-John Calvin

*“When morals slip, doctrine ebbs, and the fight is soon lost...Conscious disobedience will kill our spiritual life.”*

-Kent Hughes

*“Our consciences are the eyelash of God upon the eye of the soul with respect to our moral choices and moral actions.”*

-Albert Martin

**A bad conscience will \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine and lead one to \_\_\_\_\_**

*“There are two necessities for staying on course to the end. First is ‘holding on to faith,’ the objective deposit of the apostolic faith-right doctrine. Second is ‘holding on to...a good conscience’-the subjective treasure of a holy life. Armed with faith and a clear conscience the Christian can withstand Hell! With faith and a clear conscience you will finish the fight well.”*

-Kent Hughes