

**Paul to Timothy: “Be the leader God has called you to be....”**  
The Leader’s Goal – 1 Timothy 6:11-21

**I. INTRODUCTION**

A. Our Series - Review

WEEK ONE: 1 Tim 1:12-20 – “The Leader’s Character”

1. Humility

- Leaders know themselves to be sinners, forgiven only by grace
- Your people are watching You – use self-restraint
- Leaders want God to receive the glory

2. Trustworthiness - Leaders understand their work as a trust to be guarded

3. Good Conscience – Leaders strive for a clean/clear conscience

WEEK TWO: 1 Timothy 2:1-15 – “The Leader’s Charge”

1. Be a prayerful church

- Supplications – an urgent request to meet a need
- Intercessions - a petition to a Sovereign
- Thanksgivings - saying ‘thank you’ to God
- Prayers – communicating with God, so as to be heard

2. Be a purified church

3. Be a church with harmonious marriages

**II. THE LEADER’S GOAL**

A. Pursuing Righteousness – deal with yourself first

Turn away from:

<sup>11</sup> *But as for you, O man of God, flee these things.* (1 Timothy 6)

1. Wrangling about doctrine v. 4
2. Imagining Godliness is about gain v. 5
3. Desiring to be rich v. 7

<sup>7</sup> *for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.* <sup>8</sup> *But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.* (1 Timothy 6)

<sup>10</sup> *It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs (1 Timothy 6)*

Turn toward:

<sup>11</sup> *Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. (1 Timothy 6)*

B. Contending for the Faith

Understand your values and stand up for them:

<sup>12</sup> *Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” (1 Timothy 6)*

Even when it is costly:

<sup>13</sup> *I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, (1 Timothy 6)*

C. Keeping the Trust

Be faithful to your “profession”

Live with contentment not greed:

<sup>17</sup> *As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. (1 Timothy 6)*

Focus on what needs to be done amidst the distractions of life:

<sup>20</sup> *O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called ‘knowledge’ ...” (1 Timothy 6)*

**III APPLICATION: Will you be found faithful by God and Man?**