

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## First Timothy Bible Study — I Timothy 6:12-16 Lesson #14

\*\*INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in First Timothy before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

12-13 **FIGHT the good FIGHT of FAITH, LAY HOLD on ETERNAL LIFE**, to which you were also called and have **CONFESSED the GOOD CONFESSION** in the presence of many witnesses. I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before **Christ Jesus who witnessed the GOOD CONFESSION before Pontius Pilate,**

•**Romans 10:9-10** “if you \_\_\_\_\_ with your \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ that God has \_\_\_\_\_ Him from the \_\_\_\_\_, you will be \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “FIGHT the good FIGHT of FAITH, LAY HOLD on ETERNAL LIFE”** – One of the battles or “fights” that we must fight is called “Spiritual Warfare” and it is not so much against human beings, but **against Satan and his demons, although they do work in and through certain human beings.** Ephesians 6:10-17 tells us that our fight is “Not against flesh and blood” but is against “principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” We fight this fight against these spiritual forces (demons) **by LAYING HOLD on the gift of ETERNAL LIFE that we have through our faith in Jesus Christ,** and **USING ALL the WEAPONS He has provided for us** in the power of His Holy Spirit.

Another kind of fight we must **fight is against SIN and the leftover behaviors of our old sinful nature, also called the FLESH.** In I Corinthians 9:26-27, Paul talks about the FIGHT as though it is a boxing match, and specifically boxing practice, where the boxer beats against a weighted bag to toughen himself up for the actual fight. Paul says we must all learn to “discipline our bodies and bring them into subjection” to the will of God and the will of **our new nature in Christ.** We no longer have a NATURE that wants to sin - **we have a “new NATURE” created by God** in the image of Christ. That new nature (our spirit) wants to obey God, but it is still living in the BODY of flesh, and **our mind and emotions are still “in tune”** with all the old ways and desires of the flesh, so there is a constant BATTLE or FIGHT against the flesh. The NEW nature is your **SPIRIT** that is born of God, but your **MIND** still needs to be RENEWED and your **BODY needs to be brought into SUBMISSION to God and under control of the NEW YOU and the Holy Spirit.** If you are still falling into sinful behaviors after you are born again, it is because **YOU are ALLOWING** your unrenewed MIND, emotions and BODY to be in CONTROL, rather than your BORN-AGAIN SPIRIT, the NEW CREATION in Christ Jesus.

•**Ephesians 6:10-13** “Finally, my brethren, be \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, and in the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_. Put on the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do \_\_\_\_\_ wrestle (fight) against \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the \_\_\_\_\_ of this age, against \_\_\_\_\_ hosts of \_\_\_\_\_ in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, that you may be able to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ day, and having done all, to stand.”

•**II Corinthians 10:3-5** “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not \_\_\_\_\_ according to the flesh. For the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ are not carnal (merely HUMAN) but mighty in God for pulling down \_\_\_\_\_, casting

down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ to the obedience of Christ.”

• **Romans 8:13** “For if you live according to the \_\_\_\_\_ you will \_\_\_\_\_; but if by the Spirit you put to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, you will live.”

• **I Corinthians 9:27** “But I \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ and bring it into \_\_\_\_\_, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified (lose my testimony).”

• **Galatians 5:24** “And those who are Christ’s have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (body) with its \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Matthew 16:24-25** “Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone \_\_\_\_\_ to come after \_\_\_\_\_, let him \_\_\_\_\_ himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.’”

**Definition: “PRINCIPALITIES” and “RULERS of the Darkness of this Age”** – This refers to **Satan and his demons** and their **system of power** over the nations and governments of this world.

• **Revelation 12:7-11** “And war broke out in heaven, Michael and his \_\_\_\_\_ fought against the dragon; and the \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ fought, and they did not prevail (were not strong enough), nor was a place found for them in \_\_\_\_\_ any longer. So the great dragon was cast out (thrown down), that serpent of old, [*who is*] called the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, who \_\_\_\_\_ the whole world; he was cast (thrown down) to the earth, and his \_\_\_\_\_ were cast out with him.”

• **I Corinthians 2:6-8** “However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this \_\_\_\_\_, nor of the \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom which God ordained \_\_\_\_\_ the ages for our glory, which none of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”

**Definition: “CONFESSED the GOOD CONFESSON”** – **Mere intellectual assent to the fact that Jesus is the Son of God does not save a person.** James 2:19 says that “...the devils also believe, and tremble,” but that is not saving faith. Romans 10:9-10 tells us that “if you **CONFESS** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **BELIEVE in your HEART that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be SAVED.**” Ephesians 1:12-13 says that first, you HEARD the WORD of TRUTH, then you **TRUSTED in CHRIST** (put your faith in Him, received Him as Savior), and then you BELIEVED, and you were SEALED with the Holy Spirit. The Scripture in I Timothy 6:12 tells us that Timothy had already been “called unto eternal life” when he “confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” **It is not the mere repeating of words that constitutes a confession of faith,** but a TRUSTING in Christ, and a humble and repentant heart on the part of those whom the Father has been CALLING and drawing to His Son, Jesus.

• **II Corinthians 9:13** “While, through the proof of this ministry, they \_\_\_\_\_ God for the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men.”

**Definition: “Christ Jesus who witnessed the GOOD CONFESSON before Pontius Pilate”** – The “good confession” that Jesus made before Pilate the governor is NOT the same as the confession we make when we receive Him as our Lord and Savior. Jesus TESTIFIED (made a confession) to Pilate as to WHO HE IS, the King of the Jews, and also a king whose “kingdom is not of this world” meaning He is King of Heaven and Earth as well.

• **John 18:36-37** “Jesus answered, ‘My \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_. Pilate therefore said to Him, ‘Are You a \_\_\_\_\_ them?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say rightly that I am a \_\_\_\_\_. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.’”

• **John 8:14** “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Even if I bear \_\_\_\_\_ to Myself, My witness is \_\_\_\_\_, for I know \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ from and \_\_\_\_\_ I am \_\_\_\_\_; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going.’”

14-16 That you keep this commandment **WITHOUT spot, BLAMELESS until our Lord Jesus Christ’s APPEARING**, which He will manifest in His own time, **He who is the BLESSED and ONLY POTENTATE, the KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS**, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, **whom NO MAN has SEEN or CAN SEE**, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

• **John 1:18** “No one has \_\_\_\_\_ God at any time. The only begotten \_\_\_\_\_, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has \_\_\_\_\_ Him.”

• **Ephesians 1:4** “Just as \_\_\_\_\_ chose \_\_\_\_\_ in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ before Him in love;”

• **I Thessalonians 5:23** “Now may the \_\_\_\_\_ of peace \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_, and may your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**Definition: “WITHOUT spot, BLAMELESS until our Lord Jesus Christ’s APPEARING”** – Since God chose us and saved us apart from any goodness of our own, He is able also to KEEP US FROM FALLING and present us faultless or BLAMELESS before Himself, and He does NOT see us as SINNERS anymore.

• **Jude 24-25** “Now unto Him who is able to keep you from \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ before the presence of His glory with exceeding \_\_\_\_\_, to the only wise God our Savior...”

• **Colossians 1:21-22** “And you, who once were alienated and \_\_\_\_\_ in your mind by \_\_\_\_\_ works, yet now He has \_\_\_\_\_ in the body of His flesh through \_\_\_\_\_, to present you \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and irreproachable (nothing BAD to say about you) in His sight.”

• **II Corinthians 5:21** “For He \_\_\_\_\_ Him who knew no \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”

**Definition: “He who is the BLESSED and ONLY POTENTATE, the KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS”** – Potentate means a king or sovereign ruler. It comes from the same root as our word “potent” which means strong or POWERFUL. There is only one God, and He exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. No one has ever seen the Father in His divine essence, because He is a spirit, but we can see Him in Jesus, who is the exact representation of the Father, only in human flesh.

• **Revelation 19:16** “And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Revelation 17:14** “These will make war with the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ will overcome them, for He is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_”

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”

• **I Timothy 1:17** “Now to the \_\_\_\_\_ eternal, immortal, \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”

**Definition: “Whom NO MAN has SEEN or CAN SEE”** – Jesus also said the same thing in John 1:18, when He said, “**No one has SEEN GOD at any time.**” No one has ever actually seen **God in His divine ESSENCE or FACE TO FACE.** In the Old Testament, a few people “saw God,” but it was either a VISION of God on His throne (see Ezekiel 1:1 & 1:26-28, Isaiah 6:1-6, Daniel 7:9-14), or they saw a PORTION of God’s glory as Moses did (see Exodus 33:17-23), or they saw the pre-incarnate Jesus, as did Abraham, who saw the Lord in appearance as a man (see Genesis 18:1-22. The other “two men” were angels - see Gen. 19:1). We, as sinful beings, cannot stand in God’s presence, we would be burned up in an instant by His glory. Only by **BEING BORN of the SPIRIT** are we **re-created into a being** who will be able to be in God’s very PRESENCE for all eternity.

• **Exodus 33:20** “But He said, ‘You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_, for no man can \_\_\_\_\_ Me and \_\_\_\_\_!’”

• **Isaiah 6:5** “Then I said, ‘Woe is me, for I am \_\_\_\_\_! Because I am a man of \_\_\_\_\_ lips, and I live among a people of \_\_\_\_\_ lips; for my \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ the King, the Lord of hosts.’”

• **John 17:6** “I have \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_ to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.”

• **Hebrews 1:1-3** “God, who at various times and in different ways \_\_\_\_\_ in times past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_, whom He has appointed heir of all things, \_\_\_\_\_ whom also He made the \_\_\_\_\_; who being the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_ and the express \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ all things by the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

• **I Timothy 3:16** “And without controversy great is the \_\_\_\_\_ of godliness: \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, \_\_\_\_\_ on in the world, received up in \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “I have MANIFESTED Your NAME”** – To manifest means to reveal, to show, to exhibit in a way which can be seen, to declare, to display. **Jesus came to DECLARE and SHOW who God is** in a way that could be understood by men. God’s “name” means His qualities, characteristics, and essential being.

• **I John 1:1-3** “That which was from the \_\_\_\_\_, which we have heard, which we have \_\_\_\_\_ with our \_\_\_\_\_, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of life — the life was \_\_\_\_\_, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and was \_\_\_\_\_ to us — that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the \_\_\_\_\_ and with His \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.”