

1. Verse 11 tells us that godliness is not merely the avoidance of evil but active pursuit of Christian character traits. What are they?
2. What might verse 12 mean by “take hold” of the eternal life to which you were called?
3. What “good confession” did Christ Jesus make before Pontius Pilate?
4. What is the command Timothy is to keep in verse 14?

*To put it another way:*

1Tim 6:20 (KJV) O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called.

1Tim 6:20 (DBY) O Timotheus, keep the entrusted deposit, avoiding profane, vain babblings, and oppositions of false-named knowledge.

1Tim 6:20 (ESV) O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge."

1Tim 6:20 (NIV) Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge.

*Cross references:*

1 Tim 3:16-17 (DBY) Every scripture [is] divinely inspired, and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be complete, fully fitted to every good work.

2 Tim 2:22 (ESV) So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Phil 3:14 (NIV) I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

5. Some say that verses 15 and 16 refer to Jesus, others to God the Father. What do you think and why?
  
6. Having addressed the unhealthy pursuit of wealth earlier in the chapter, Paul now turns to those who happen to be rich. What does he tell Timothy to have them do?
  
7. Verse 8 of this chapter tells us to be content having only food and clothing. Yet verse 17 says God will provide all we need for enjoyment. Does this mean God promises us more than the basics of life?
  
8. Read verse 20. What exactly has been trusted to Timothy? (Hint: 2 Tim 1:14)
  
9. What is Timothy to avoid according to verse 20? What are today's counterparts?

*Cross references:*

John 18:37 (ESV) Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world--to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

2 Tim 4:1-2 (NIV) In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

John 1:18 (DBY) No one has seen God at any time; the only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, \*he\* hath declared [him].

Psalm 62:10b (KJV) ... if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

2 Tim 1:13-14 (NIV) What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

***Don't forget to read Dig Deeper!***