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Introduction:

The man of God is known...

I. BY WHAT HE FLEES FROM (vs. 11a)

“but”

“flee from these things”

“you man of God” (II Timothy 3:17; II Peter 1:21)

II. BY WHAT HE FOLLOWS AFTER (vs 11b)

“pursue”

> “righteousness”

> “godliness”

> “faith”

> “love”

> “perseverance”

> “gentleness”

“The Virtue Continuum”

Corruption
Foolishness
Selfishness
Disregard
Pride
Slothfulness
Licentiousness
Cowardice

INTEGRITY
DISCERNMENT
LOVE
RESPECT
HUMILITY
DILIGENCE
TEMPERANCE
COURAGE

Legalism
Judgmentalism
Enablement
Idolatry
Degradation
Workaholism
Strictness
Foolhardiness

III. BY WHAT HE FIGHTS FOR (vs. 12)

A. It involves contending for the faith.

“fight the good fight of faith”

Why is it good?

B. It involves confessing your faith.

“take hold of the eternal life to which you were called...”

“...and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses”

IV. BY WHAT HE IS FAITHFUL TO (vs. 13-16)

A. The Exhortation to Timothy (vs. 13a, 14a)

“I charge you”

“in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus...”

“that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach”

“ until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ”

B. The Example of Jesus (vs. 13b)

“who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate”

C. The Expectation that Motivates Us All (vs. 14b, 15-16)

“the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13; I John 3:1-3)

“which He will bring about at the proper time”

“He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords”

“who alone possesses immortality”

“and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see”

“To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.”

Conclusion:

- 1) Pursuing something involves fleeing other things.
- 2) Everything that Jesus expects of me He has already demonstrated for me.
- 3) The awesomeness of God's character underscores the seriousness of His command.
- 4) The anticipation of the Lord's return motivates us to obedience and service.