

THE PASTORAL LETTERS

Keeping Faith or Suffering Shipwreck

1 Timothy 1:18-20

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1. Timothy is an example of one being called into _____ based on a God-given desire and affirmation by the church.
2. Not only ministers, but all believers are called to Christian perseverance by fighting the good fight of faith.
 - a. Every believer is responsible before God to hold firm to the Christian _____ revealed in the Scriptures.

“Faith fitly goes first; for it is this which provides the Christian combatant with his only valid standing-ground for the conflict, and supplies him with the weapons which alone can enable him to repel the assaults of the adversary, and counter work his devices.”

- Patrick Fairbairn

- b. Every believer is responsible to maintain a good _____ before God and man.

“A good conscience is here faith’s necessary handmaid; for the contest is in the strictest sense a moral one, and a depravation of the conscience is a virtual abandonment of the struggle: it is yielding to the adversary an entrenchment in the citadel.” - Patrick Fairbairn

3. Those who _____ their responsibility to maintain a good conscience are in danger of suffering shipwreck in regard to their faith.
 4. The church has the _____ responsibility of corrective discipline for those members who have abandoned the faith in hopes that the Lord will bring them to repentance.