

# Fighting the Good Fight, Finishing the Course, Keeping the Faith, and Loving the Lord's Appearing in Morning Watch Order to Receive the Reward of Christ as the Crown of Righteousness - Week 1 July 22-28, 2024

## Fighting the Good Fight

**Monday 7/22**

**1 Tim. 1:1-7, 18-19 (3-4)**

**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,

**2** To Timothy, genuine child in faith: Grace, mercy, peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

**3** Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things

**4** Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

**5** But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and out of a good conscience and out of unfeigned faith;

**6** From which things some, having misaimed, have turned aside to vain talking,

**7** Desiring to be teachers of the law, though they understand neither the things that they say, nor concerning what they confidently affirm.

**18** This charge I commit to you, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you might war the good warfare,

**19** Holding faith and a good conscience, concerning which some, thrusting these away, have become shipwrecked regarding the faith;

**2 Tim. 4:7-8 (7)**

**7** I have fought the good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith.

**8** Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Fighting... Finishing... Keeping... Loving... Week 1, Day 1*

**Tuesday 7/23**

**Acts 2:42**

**42** And they continued steadfastly in the teaching

and the fellowship of the apostles, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

**1 Tim. 1:11-18 (18)**

**11** According to the gospel of the glory of the blessed God, with which I was entrusted.

**12** I give thanks to Him who empowers me, Christ Jesus our Lord, that He has counted me faithful, appointing me to the ministry,

**13** Who formerly was a blasphemer and a persecutor and an insulting person; but I was shown mercy because, being ignorant, I acted in unbelief.

**14** And the grace of our Lord superabounded with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

**15** Faithful is the word and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am foremost.

**16** But because of this I was shown mercy, that in me, the foremost, Jesus Christ might display all His long-suffering for a pattern to those who are to believe on Him unto eternal life.

**17** Now to the King of the ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**18** This charge I commit to you, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you might war the good warfare,

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Fighting... Finishing... Keeping... Loving... Week 1, Day 2*

**Wednesday 7/24**

**1 Tim. 6:12-21 (12, 19)**

**12** Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold on the eternal life, to which you were called and have confessed the good confession before many witnesses.

**13** I charge you before God, who preserves all things in life, and Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

**14** To keep the commandment spotless, without reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**15** Which in its own times the blessed and only Sovereign will show, the King of those who reign as kings and Lord of those who rule as lords,

**16** Who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen nor can see, to whom be honor and eternal might.

Amen.

**17** Charge those who are rich in the present age not to be high-minded, nor to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches but on God, who affords us all things richly for our enjoyment;

**18** To do good, to be rich in good works, to be ready to distribute, to be ones willing to share;

**19** Laying away for themselves a good foundation as a treasure for the future, that they may lay hold on that which is really life.

**20** O Timothy, guard the deposit, turning away from profane, vain babblings and oppositions from what is falsely called knowledge,

**21** Because of which some, professing this, have misaimed regarding the faith. Grace be with you.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Fighting... Finishing... Keeping... Loving... Week 1, Day 3*

**Thursday 7/25**

**2 Tim 1:1-12 (1, 10)**

**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God according to the promise of life, which is in Christ Jesus,

**2** To Timothy, beloved child: Grace, mercy, peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

**3** I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers in a pure conscience, while unceasingly I have remembrance concerning you in my petitions night and day,

**4** Longing to see you, remembering your tears, that I may be filled with joy;

**5** Having been reminded of the unfeigned faith in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded dwells also in you.

**6** For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

**7** For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.

**8** Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord nor of me His prisoner; but suffer evil with the gospel according to the power of God;

**9** Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages

**10** But now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who nullified

death and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel,

**11** For which I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.

**12** For which cause also I suffer these things; but I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to guard my deposit unto that day.

### **1 John 5:11**

**11** And this is the testimony, that God gave to us eternal life and this life is in His Son.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Fighting... Finishing... Keeping,, Loving... Week 1, Day 4*

## **Friday 7/26**

### **2 Cor. 10:3-5**

**3** For though we walk in flesh, we do not war according to flesh;

**4** For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly but powerful before God for the overthrowing of strongholds,

**5** As we overthrow reasonings and every high thing rising up against the knowledge of God, and take captive every thought unto the obedience of Christ.

### **Matt. 16:21-28**

**21** From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

**22** And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, God be merciful to You, Lord! This shall by no means happen to You!

**23** But He turned and said to Peter, Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men.

**24** Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

**25** For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.

**26** For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul-life?

**27** For the Son of Man is to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will repay each man according to his doings.

**28** Truly I say to you, There are some of those

standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Fighting... Finishing... Keeping,, Loving... Week 1, Day 5*

## **Saturday 7/27**

### **1 Tim. 3:15**

**15** But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

### **2 Tim. 4:7**

**7** I have fought the good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith.

### **1 John 1:5-7**

**5** And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and are not practicing the truth;

**7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

### **1 John 2:21**

**21** I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it and because no lie is of the truth.

### **1 John 4:1, 6**

**1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but prove the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

**6** We are of God; he who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. From this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of deception.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Fighting... Finishing... Keeping,, Loving... Week 1, Day 6*

## **Lord's Day 7/28**

### **2 Tim. 4:1-6, 16-18, 22**

**1** I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

**2** Proclaim the word; be ready in season and out of season; convict, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and teaching.

**3** For the time will come when they will not tolerate the healthy teaching; but according to their

own lusts they will heap up to themselves teachers, having itching ears,

**4** And they will turn away their ear from the truth and will be turned aside to myths.

**5** But you, be sober in all things, suffer evil, do the work of an evangelist, fully accomplish your ministry.

**6** For I am already being poured out, and the time of my departure is at hand.

**16** At my first defense no one was with me to support me, but all abandoned me. May it not be counted against them.

**17** But the Lord stood with me and empowered me that through me the proclamation of the gospel might be fully accomplished and all the Gentiles might hear; and I was delivered out of the lion's mouth.

**18** The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and will save me into His heavenly kingdom, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**22** The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

**Hymn, #885**

### **Further Reading:**

*Life-study of 1 Timothy, msg. 2*

### **Churchwide Truth Pursuit**

#### **Level 1—Hebrews Sequential Reading**

**Scripture Reading and Copying:** *Heb. 8:7-13*

**Assigned Reading:** *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 40-41*

#### **Level 2—Hebrews Topical Study**

**Crucial Point:** *Being Brought on to Maturity*

**Scripture:** *Heb. 6:1-12*

**Assigned Reading:** *Life-study of Hebrews, msgs. 26, 30*

**Supplemental Reading:** *CWWN, vol. 44, "Conferences, Messages, and Fellowship (4)," ch. 116; CWWN, vol. 20, Questions on the Gospel, ch. 46; The Way for a Christian to Mature in Life, chs. 1, 12*

### **Questions:**

**1.** Explain how *Heb. 6:7-8* fit in the context of the verses.

**2.** What is maturity?

**3.** What is the significance of "let us be brought on" in *Heb. 6:1*?

**4.** Why must we be brought on to maturity?

