

Rising Above Mediocrity- Fight Your Fight

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1 Timothy 1:18-19a (NASB)

"This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight,¹⁹ keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith."

Fight For "THE" Faith

- **Denigration of THE Faith**

2 Peter 1:16

"For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty."

- **Politicization of THE Faith**

Ephesians 6:12

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

Fight for "OUR" Faith

- **Disappointment**

Job 1:21

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."

Job 2:10b

"Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"

- **Disillusionment**

- **Disinterest**

Hebrew 2:1

"We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away."

Proverbs 4:23

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

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