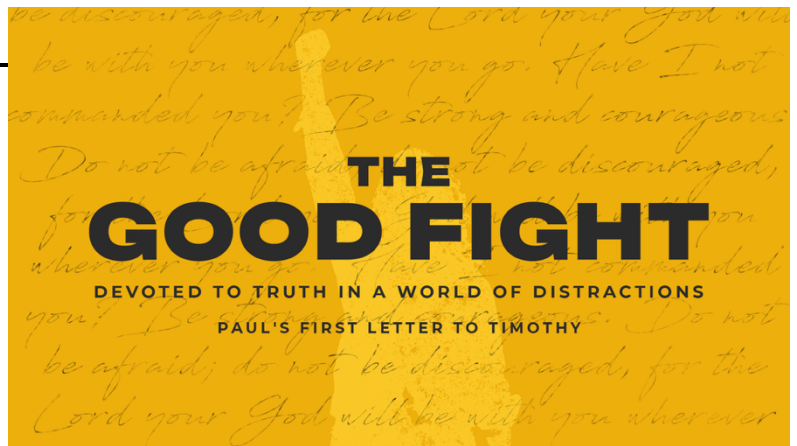


The Good Fight

Devoted to truth in a world of distractions

9 – The Mystery of Godliness

1 Timothy 3:14-16



1. "God doesn't need my good works, but my neighbour does."
 - a. How would I explain this to someone in different words?
 - b. How does this truth help me place the right importance on how I behave?

2. The church is the pillar and buttress of the truth (i.e. the gospel).
 - a. Staff and leaders prioritize the gospel in preaching, teaching, singing, etc. How should I, as a member, prioritize the gospel in the life of the church? What's my role?

3. I am most motivated to live godly when I'm most captivated by Christ's finished work for me.
 - a. What are some other things I tend to rely on to help me change my behaviour if I'm not meditating on Christ's finished work?
 - b. When I know I need to change, why is it so hard to focus first on Christ's finished work first before focusing on my need to change?

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When I perceive the mystery of godliness...

...I live like godliness matters (v. 14-15a)

...I look for my godliness from outside of me (v. 15)

1 Timothy 2:4-6

Extra nos - outside of us

Therefore a man must be justified by the alien righteousness of Christ, not by his own righteousness. This righteousness is not in us but outside us; not of our making, but of Christ's work, for which we are made just through faith.
Martin Luther

1 Timothy 1:5

...I love that my godliness is already done (v. 16)