

**Pastoral Epistles – Letters from a
Senior to a junior pastor
Addressing Spiritual Struggles**

**1 AND 2 TIMOTHY –
SUMMER SERIES
I TIMOTHY 1:18-20**

1 Timothy 1:18-20 (ESV)

¹⁸ This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may **wage the good warfare,**

¹⁹ holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, **some have made shipwreck of their faith,**

²⁰ among whom are **Hymenaeus** and **Alexander**, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Addressing Spiritual Struggles

I. **REVIEW THE EARLY CHARGE:** **(I Timothy 1:3-12)**

- **Teach truth that you learned, pass it on. (vs.3)**
- **Promote a life managed by faith in God: (vs.4)**
- **It's easy to wander off into "self-justification" on issues: (vs.6,7)**

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II. REMEMBER YOUR FOUNDATION OF TRUTH: (1:18,19a)

- ⦿ “Theological error is often rooted in moral failure” (I Tim 4:1 and 6:10)

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- ◎ 3 Battles to Remember and Prepare for:
- ◎ The Christian Life and Ministry is a battle field for control and authority.
- ◎ The Concentration on faith is a contest between self/sin.
- ◎ The Conscience is under constant attack.

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III. REALIGN YOUR DESTINATION: (Guard against pit falls) [vs.19b,20)

A. Rejected Faith:

Adjusting faith to agree with lifestyle rather than adjusting lifestyle to agree with faith.

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B. Ship wrecked faith:

- ◎ You get off course. (*you think you know a better path or course*)
- ◎ You are distracted from your mission or purpose.
- ◎ A storm re-routes you.

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C. Blasphemer of the faith:

(If you find yourself trying to make God accept who you have become versus becoming what God tells us to become)

