Communion Meditation

2 Tim 6.12 "Fight the Good Fight" October 6th, 2019

"Fight the good fight"

- A "fight" is a battle
- "What is a good fight?" / One definition is "one that you win"
 - Good is subjective based on winning or losing
 - Ex: Janet Reno Won both Roe v Wade debates
- Good can be taken differently though / Also "balanced", "skilled", or "moral"
 - <u>III</u>: Sporting events are likened to fights / battles / wars
 - Some say a game was good because it was a <u>close score</u>
 - But both teams could have played poorly / Some judge on skill
- Paul believes in winning / But morality is implied in this term also
 - A "good fight" is one on which you're on the "right" side

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"the" means it refers to an entire war / not just a battle in a war

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- Fighting requires courage, skill, commitment
 - You can't win a fight <u>defensively</u> / You'll only <u>lose</u> more <u>slowly</u>
 - You must take the <u>offensive</u> to win a fight
 - You must want to win / willingly take initiative

"Fight the good fight of faith . . ."

- Paul reminds Timothy why he's fighting / and what he's fighting for
- "Eternal life" is the goal for which he's striving / what he's fighting for
- "you were also called" reminds him of motivation behind it / the why
- "confessed the good confession"
 - Again "good" is used in a moral way / admirable way
 - All of the best, most <u>noble battles</u>, are of a moral nature

Paul was competitive / He used illustrations such as fighting and racing Paul counseled Timothy to endure / To view the "fight" as worth the effort This Table is the chair in the corner of boxing ring / refreshments during race