

A Man of God
I Timothy 6:11-12

I. A Man of God is Known by What He
_____.

The verb in verse 11 is “flee.” In Classical Greek the word refers to running from a wild animal, snake, plague or an enemy. It’s also an imperative, a command, that requires an ongoing approach to fleeing. In our text, the Apostle Paul is commanding his son in the faith to flee certain sins. (I Tim 6:3-10).

What are fleeing today?

II. A Man of God is Known by What He
_____.

This verb, as well, is an imperative, a command, in the present tense. So, as Paul commands Timothy to flee wickedness, he also commands him to pursue something. Pursue, follow after, implies a relentless activity. It has the connotation of such pursuit that could be called persecution. It’s a zealous pursuit.

What is a man of God to relentlessly pursue? He is to pursue righteousness, that is _____ behavior toward God and mankind. Having been declared righteous at the new birth, this word speaks to day to day righteousness. I John 3:10. Do your words/deeds betray what you say you _____?

The second trait we pursue is _____. While righteousness is more external, this term refers to _____ attitudes. A godly man is a _____ man. Proverbs 23:17. The man of God is one who doesn’t just ____ what is right, he _____ what is right as well.

These first two traits are overarching. Paul then gives 2 internal and 2 external virtues. The first is faith. That word simply implies a _____ trust in God... for _____. MacArthur: To live a life of faith is to live a life free of frustration, free from a compulsion to

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force things to happen or to manipulate people.

The second is love. This love is _____, not _____. It means love to everyone, _____, _____. The man of God will love people, regardless.

The two external traits: perseverance and gentleness. Perseverance means to remain under. It is an attitude of _____. (Winston Churchill). It is critical to live in this virtue. The second trait could be translated gentleness or humility. The man of God recognizes he has _____ to boast about.

What are you pursuing, today?

III. A Man of God is Known by What He _____.

Another command, another present tense. The verb gives us our word “agonize.” It was a term used both athletically and militarily. Think: concentration, discipline and extreme effort.

What could a group of men do that have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, sealed and filled by the Spirit of God who also understand the Word of God?

What must those men do?

What is it today that you are fleeing?

What is it today that you are following/pursuing?

What is it today that you are fighting?