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 - a. Why doesn't God instruct us to stand and fight these things?
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 2. PURSUE: In [1 Tim. 6:11](#) Paul instructs Timothy to run away from wickedness but to run towards righteousness. Explain how each of these six areas is worthy pursuits fro a Christian.
 - a. Why might the last two be especially helpful for leaders who are helping others?
 - b. What does pursuing love look like?
 - c. What kind of love?
 3. FIGHT: Explain, "The good fight of the faith."
 - a. Who are we fighting? ([Eph. 6:12](#)).
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 - c. And how exactly do we fight? ([2 Cor. 10:4](#), [1 John 5:4](#))
 - d. What does taking hold of eternal life mean?
- II. Read [1 Tim. 6:13-16](#). Paul reminds Timothy of the greatness and glory of the God we serve.
 - i. Why is this important to keep in focus?
 - ii. How does our perspective of God influence our lives on a daily basis?
 - iii. What happens when a Christian leader loses his "sense of God"?
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