

THE PERFECT PATH TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD
VOLUME 8: PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE
MESSAGE 3: PREPARE FOR VICTORY
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• **FOUNDATION:**

- **Thursday Morning the Lord Spoke the following to Jerry Lawrence: “*The Church is not prepared for battle. When not prepared for battle, not prepared for Victory.*”**
- **Psalm 15:1-2**
- **Psalm 16:7-11**

I. **Introduction: Prepare for the Fight**

a. **1 Timothy 6:6-12**

i. **Verse 11:**

1. **Godliness – “a thorough conformity to the image of God and mind of Christ.” [Adam Clarke]**
 2. **(1Timothy 6:11) [New Living Translation] But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.**
 - a. **Pursue = to follow in a like direction, to seek in order to obtain, to take**
 3. **Meekness [Strong’s] = humility or humble**
 - a. **1 Peter 5:6-10 [yielding to God’s Covenant Words and the Power of the Holy Spirit]**
 4. **Yield to a Godly (Holy) Lifestyle (daily & everywhere)**
- ii. **(1Timothy 6:12) [Amplified Classic Version] Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned and [for which] you confessed the good confession [of faith] before many witnesses.**

II. Fight by Professing or Confession God's Word

- a. 1 Timothy 1:18-19
- b. Prophecies = God making known His desires:
 - 1. Through God's written word
 - 2. The voice of the Holy Spirit
 - 3. God's chosen Prophets
- c. Verse 19: "holding faith and a good conscience."
 - i. Conscience (defined): the ability to understand, to be aware, the place of reason, to know = The Soul
 - ii. The Heart is the Spirit & Soul working in agreement.
 - 1. Hebrews 10:39 (& verse 38 = the just shall live by faith

III. Peter 1:1-4

- a. The divine nature of God is in every believer at the moment of the new birth.
 - i. We need to make a choice and find the knowledge to partake of that divine nature – God has given us the Right to Partake of His Divine Nature
- b. We learn through:
 - i. Verse 1: discover God's Righteousness (God is Right – Correct)
 - 1. Spiritual Correctness
 - ii. Verse 2: Through Knowledge
 - iii. Verse 3: Through Knowledge
 - iv. Verse 6: Add Knowledge to your Faith