

AVOIDING SHIPWRECK

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Paul's love for his faithful disciple, Timothy, prompts him to issue a potential warning of shipwreck, resulting from an abandonment of spiritual truth, a hardening of the heart and the loss of biblical convictions.

Paul's charge can be summarized in 4 words:

1. **FLEE** (6:11)

2. **PURSUE** (6:11)

3. **FIGHT** (6:12)

The Christian life is lived in the context of resistance.

2 Cor. 10:3-5

4. **HOLD** (6:12)

Summary: (6:13-16)

"I charge you...to keep the commandment..."

Ultimately, Paul's answer to shipwreck is not to just *know* God's Word, but to *obey* God's Word.

Paul's closing words are actually a doxology, a hymn of praise focused on God's attributes, a reminder that He is our Almighty God.

Isa. 46:11 = Sovereign God

Gal. 5:16 = Empowering Spirit

Application Questions:

What would you share with a new Christian who's struggling with temptation. Why?

Identify a want in your life that you have experienced a need to flee from. How did it affect you?

In what ways does a grip on eternity affect your walk with God?

How has your walk with God changed when you were passive or active about obedience?