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**Pursue God**  
**1 Timothy 6:11-21**  
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## Using This Study

### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

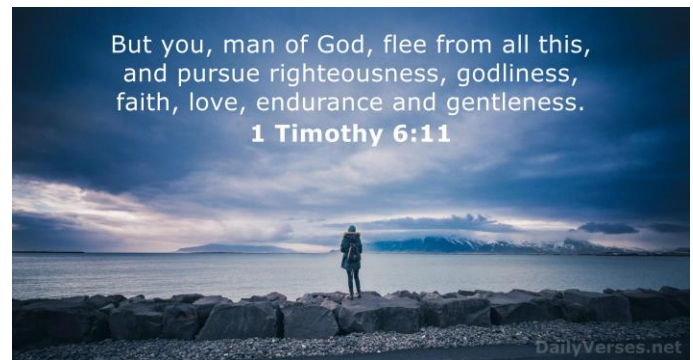
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week is our final week in 1 Timothy. This last section of chapter 6 contains some final greetings to Timothy as well as some final pleas for how we should all conduct ourselves. Paul again warns against the pursuit of money but he also gives us some insight on what we should pursue. He tells us in verse 11 to pursue righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness. This is what will set us apart from this fallen world and allow us to represent Christ well. Join us this week as we talk about how we can pursue Christ well and faithfully serve Him.



## 1 TIMOTHY 6:11-21 NET

11 But you, as a person dedicated to God, keep away from all that. Instead pursue righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness. 12 Compete well for the faith and lay hold of that eternal life you were called for and made your good confession for in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I charge you before God who gives life to all things and Christ Jesus who made his good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 to obey this command without fault or failure until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ 15 – whose appearing the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, will reveal at the right time. 16 He alone possesses immortality and lives in unapproachable light, whom no human has ever seen or is able to see. To him be honor and eternal power! Amen.

17 Command those who are rich in this world's goods not to be haughty or to set their hope on riches, which are uncertain, but on God who richly provides us with all things for our enjoyment. 18 Tell them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, to be generous givers, sharing with others. 19 In this way they will save up a treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the future and so lay hold of what is truly life.

### **Conclusion**

20 O Timothy, protect what has been entrusted to you. Avoid the profane chatter and absurdities of so-called “knowledge.” 21 By professing it, some have strayed from the faith. Grace be with you all.

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)

**What does God MEAN?**

8. As a follower of God what are we to pursue?

9. How do we compete well for the faith? What does this mean?

10. When Paul tells Timothy to obey this command in verse 14 what is the command?

11. How is Timothy to command the rich?

12. How should we store up treasure for ourselves?

13. What has been entrusted to Timothy?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

14. Verse 11 tells us to pursue righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance and gentleness. How do we do that in today's world? Do you find one of these harder than the others?

15. This passage talks about generosity, can those that are not wealthy be generous? Explain.

16. What do you think is the most important point that Paul makes in this passage?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

**Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...**

*Sermon Notes*