SERMON NOTES

Date: January 6, 2019

Title: Marks of a Man of God **Text:** 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Big Idea: In a world that questions the very definition of what a man is, the church needs more men who are zealous to be men of God.

DISCUSS THE ISSUE

Think of someone you would consider to be a "man of God." What characteristics makes this person stand out this way in your mind?

EXPLOR THE TEXT

What kinds of things did Paul urge Timothy to flee? (v. 11)

What kind of fight was Timothy to be engaged in? (v. 12) Why do you think it's sometimes difficult fight this kind of battle?

What good confession did Timothy make and before whom did he make it? (v. 12)

What means did Paul use to intensify his charge to Timothy to be a man of God? (v. 13)

How long was Timothy to remain faithful to the marks of godliness? (v. 14) How is this motivating?

What attributes did Paul ascribe to God? (v. 15-16) How does this doxology relate to the previous verses and the call to be a man of God?

APPLY THE TRUTH

In what ways can you pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness?

How can you fight the good fight of faith each day?

What preventative measures can you take each day to be sure that you don't wander from the faith?

What does repentance look like if you are compromising any of these marks, and what steps do you need to take to stand firm in your commitment to be a man of God?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

2 Timothy 2:22 commands the man of God to "flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart." Identify someone you need to bring into your life to help you flee sin and follow Christ more effectively in 2019. Take steps to reach out to them this week or in the weeks to come.