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1 Timothy 1:18-20

The Conviction Needed to Fight for the Faith

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Summary

- **1 Tim. 1:3 "instruct certain men…"**
- **1 Tim. 1:18-20 "fight the good fight"**

False teachers: no faith, seared conscience.

Timothy: faith and a good conscience

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The Charge to Fight for the Faith

1 Timothy 1:18

This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight…

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The Conviction Needed to Win

1 Timothy 1:19 NET

To do this you must hold firmly to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck in regard to the faith.

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Church Discipline on the Heretics

1 Timothy 1:20
Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme.

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Applications

1. We must understand why and how church discipline is done.
2. We must have the conviction not to be moved from trusting in Christ alone for salvation, transformation, and provision.

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Why Is Church Discipline Done?

- Church discipline is the expulsion of people from fellowship with believers.
- Church discipline is done for people who claim the right to sin in doctrine and or deed.

1 Cor. 5:5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

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Remove the "High Handed" Sinner

1 Cor. 5:11
But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

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We Need Conviction for Christ Alone

Galatians 3:2-3

This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

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Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

- Live by sight: Idolater
- Live by faith: Saint

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Isaiah 28:16

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.

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