

Questions for Consideration—Lesson 4—1 Timothy 1:18-20—Wage War or Suffer a Shipwreck?!

1. (a) Read chapter one of 1 Timothy. What things are repeated in this chapter and why do you think they are mentioned more than once? (b) How would you outline this chapter and what title would you use? (c) How would you summarize this chapter in three sentences?

2. Memorize 1 Timothy 1:17, 18.

3. (a) What do you notice about the conscience according to the following passages? John 8:9; Romans 2:15; Romans 13:5; 1 Corinthians 8:7-12; 1 Timothy 3:9; 1 Timothy 4:2; Titus 1:15; Hebrews 9:14; 10:22. (b) What does Paul say about his conscience in Acts 23:1 and Acts 24:16? (c) Why do you think it's important to do what Paul says regarding one's conscience? (d) How do you keep your conscience good and pure?

4. (a) Paul tells Timothy to wage a good warfare in 1 Timothy 1:18. How does one do this according to what Paul writes in Ephesians 6:10-20? (b) What can happen if we as believers don't fight with the armor provided for us? (c) What have you found to be helpful as you wage spiritual warfare?

5. What advice would you give someone who tells you that the Christian life is too difficult and is close to defecting from the faith?

6. Do you know anyone who was delivered unto Satan like Alexander and Hymenaeus? What sobering lessons did you learn? (Please be discreet about using names unless they have been publicly put out of the church!)

7. Are you waging war against sin? Do you have a good conscience? Please write a prayer request based on your answer to the above questions.