

Stronger | Don't Shipwreck Your Faith

06/30/2024 MESSAGE GUIDE

“Timothy, my son, here are my instructions for you, based on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. May they help you fight well in the Lord’s battles. Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked.” 1 Timothy 1:18-19

1. We Are Commanded To Fight Well

“...May they help you fight well in the Lord’s battles.” 1 Timothy 1:18

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.” Ephesians 6:12

“You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.” Ephesians 2:2

2. Cling To Your Faith and Keep Your Conscience Clear

“Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear.” 1 Timothy 1:19

“The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.” 1 Timothy 1:5

“Even Gentiles, who do not have God’s written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. They demonstrate that God’s law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.” Romans 2:14-15

3. Deliberate Sin Will Shipwreck Your Faith

“For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked.” 1 Timothy 1:19

“The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.” 1 Timothy 4:1-2

“They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.” Ephesians 4:19

“Everything is pure to those whose hearts are pure. But nothing is pure to those who are corrupt and unbelieving, because their minds and consciences are corrupted. Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.” Titus 1:15-16

4. Restore A Clear Conscience

- **Be Quick To Recognize the Holy Spirit**

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” Ephesians 4:30

- **Be Quick To Respond to the Holy Spirit**

“For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.” Titus 2:11-12

“I will hurry, without delay, to obey your commands.” Psalm 119:60