

BUMMER OF A REALITY CHECK
1 Timothy 1:18-20

Radically Ordinary

Perspectives on the Christian Life

- A life of denial
- A grace inspired life
- A life filled with opportunities
- A life described by conflict

1 Timothy 1

¹⁸ Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, ¹⁹ holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith. ²⁰ Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

Keys to the passage

- There is a battle being waged.
 - The battle is unseen
 - The battle is real
 - The outcome is critical

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For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, against authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes you may be able to stand your ground. . . .

Ephesians 6:12-13a

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- Who is the enemy?
- What is the nature of the battle?
 - In 1 Timothy it regards the very character and nature of God

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¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

What do we know about God

- He is the King
- He is eternal
- He is immortal
- He is invisible
- He is one of a kind
- Honor and glory are due to him in perpetuity

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 - Honoring the prophecies
 - Holding on to the faith
 - Holding on to a clear conscience

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 - Eternity

So What

- How would you complete the statement God is?
- Do you live with the awareness that you are in a battle?
- How are you preparing yourself for the fight?