

1 Timothy 6:11-21 – Living in light of Christ's return**What do you flee from?**

(Show picture of bomb disposal bloke running)

As a follower of Jesus and because you follow Jesus as a man or women of God, what are you fleeing from?

What must Timothy do immediately as a follower of Jesus?

1) **"Flee all this"**

Do not associate with them...

2) **Pursue righteousness...**

... pursue the things God wants...

3) **Fight the good fight ... of the faith**

... he must battle against false teaching from those who claim to follow Jesus AND he must battle against his own ungodliness.

Why bother?

Firstly, ... he wanted to follow Jesus.

Secondly, ...remember the example Jesus set.

Thirdly, Paul ... commands Timothy to obey and keep following Jesus.

Finally ... remember who it is that you are following.

The difference our future with Jesus makes to how we live NOW

... how the gospel should transform his confidence in and his use of the material things God has given.

Two dangers

... not allow their wealth to make them arrogant.

- disappear instantly
- we only have because God has given to us

... we cannot take it with us when we die.

Right use**Is money evil in and of itself?****... four things it says to Timothy and to us.**

- **OK to use what God has given us for our enjoyment.**
- **Do good, to be rich in good deeds to be generous and willing to share.**
- **Lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven.**
- **Build a firm foundation for the coming age.**

A final reminder**... guard what has been entrusted to him.****For us today****Make life decisions in light of your eternity****Guard the gospel from false teaching**