

Fight the Good Fight

Wisdom for a Young Head Coach

Week 3

I Timothy 1:15-20

Read the text aloud.

Discussion Questions:

- When did you fully accept the statement in verse 15? *Ask them when they received Christ Jesus as Savior. Why would Paul consider himself the worst of sinners? He's very aware of his sins and former life of rebellion.*
- In what way has Christ displayed His mercy and patience with you in coaching? (vv.15-16) *By not removing them from coaching, by preserving them through hard times, losing streaks, etc...* How has that been an example to others? *Did others in the program see those times as mercy and patience from God?*
- Whom does Paul consider to be worthy of honor and glory for his present status? (v.17) *The King eternal (God).* How does he describe Him? *King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God...*
- How is coaching like a good fight? (v.18) *Real opponents, real pain, struggle, blood, sweat, tears...* What's good about it? *It teaches us about ourselves, we build real relationships with friends, coaches, and teammates...*
- How do faith and good conscience affect how one coaches? (v.19) *They can keep us from errors, make us more concerned for God's will and other's best interests, less self-serving.*
- Whom have you seen shipwreck their coaching careers like the two guys mentioned in verse 20? *Solicit stories of coaches who have crashed their careers by foolish and out of control lives.* How do we avoid such trouble? (vv.18-19) *Through fellowship, maintaining our faith and a good conscience...*

Weekly Summary:

- Remember that Christ Jesus died for the worst of sinners, even us.
- Honor God for how He brought you to this position.
- Fight the good fight, not just any fight.
- Watch out for coaches who are about to shipwreck their careers. Stay off that ship!

Notes:

- The questions for discussion will appear in normal text like this.
- *Suggested answers, discussion hints and follow up questions will appear in italics like this.*

Bible Reference:

1 Timothy 1



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