



Living For Christ's Appearing

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Key Verses

- 1 Timothy 6:11-16
- 2 Timothy 4:7-8
- 2 Peter 3:11-14

Questions

- Pastor Nate used the image of fixing your eyes on a distant landmark to stay on course in the wilderness. What does it look like practically for you to keep your eyes fixed on Christ in your daily life?
- Paul lists six things to pursue in 1 Timothy 6:11: righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. Which of these do you find most natural to pursue, and which one is the greatest challenge for you right now?
- The sermon drew a clear distinction between fleeing the love of worldly possessions and pursuing spiritual maturity. In what ways does the culture around us make it difficult to flee the love of money and earthly things?
- Pastor Nate emphasized that knowing what to pursue is good, but we also need the right motivation. What currently motivates you most in your walk with God, and how does that compare to the motivation Paul describes?
- The sermon pointed out that Jesus told His disciples only the Father knows the hour of His return. How does the uncertainty of that timing affect the way you live day to day?

- Pastor Nate asked a pointed question: How would you live differently if you truly believed Jesus could return at any moment? What specific changes would that belief produce in your life?
- Both 1 Timothy 6:14 and 2 Peter 3:14 calls believers to make every effort to be found living peaceful, pure, and blameless lives while waiting for Christ's return. What is one area of your life where you sense God calling you to make more effort as you wait?

Life Application

This week, choose one of the six qualities Paul lists in 1 Timothy 6:11 (righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, or gentleness) and intentionally pursue it every day. Write it somewhere you will see it each morning, and at the end of each day ask yourself: Did I pursue this today? Let the reality that Jesus could return at any moment fuel your effort, and come back next week ready to share what God taught you through the experience.

Key Takeaways

- Believers are called to actively flee the love of worldly possessions and to pursue spiritual maturity, which includes righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.
- Knowing what to pursue is good. But the proper motivation, rooted in the promised return of Jesus Christ, is what sustains believers pursuit through trials, persecution, and the temptation to give up.
- Fighting the good fight of faith (trusting God's future promise) can be a struggle that requires effort and endurance, just as Paul described from his own life in 2 Timothy 4:7-8.
- The return of Christ is a fixed, certain event determined by God alone. Believers are called to live eagerly and expectantly, keeping their lives in order as they wait for that day.
- What we do on earth in obedience to Christ has eternal significance. God in His patience gives believers time to grow, serve, and store up eternal rewards before Christ appears.

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the reminder today that Your return is not a distant idea but a certain promise that should shape everything about how we live. Forgive us for the times we have

grown complacent or allowed the world to pull our eyes away from what truly matters. As we leave this time together, stir in each of our hearts a fresh excitement for Your appearing. Help us to fight the good fight of faith, to pursue righteousness and godliness and love, and to endure whatever trials come our way. May we be found faithful, blameless, and ready when You return. To You be all honor and eternal dominion. Amen.