



TEXT	MAIN POINT
1 Timothy 6:11-16	Pursue God and keep your eyes on heaven.
CORE COMPETENCY	MEMORY VERSE
<p>Single Mindedness</p> <p>I pay attention to what God thinks is important for my life.</p>	<p>Colossians 3:2</p> <p>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.</p>

BELONG

Play time

Simon Says Not To: Telling someone not to do something isn't always enough to elicit an opposite behavior. Test this out by choosing a player to be Simon. Have "Simon" think of an action in his/her head (e.g., hop on one leg) but instead of saying, "Simon says to hop on one leg," Simon should say something like, "Don't rub your belly" (or any action other than hopping on one leg). Play a few rounds, allowing everyone a chance to be Simon.

Talk about it

- By only stating what players should not do, how many people actually did the action you were thinking?
- Is it enough to only tell people what they should not do (or avoid)?
- What is a better way of getting your team to do the action you were thinking?

BECOME

Read it

Read 1 Timothy 6:11-16.

Discuss it

In this passage, Paul is commanding Timothy to maintain his testimony, maintain his faith, and fight for what is true and right.

- In v. 11, Paul says to "flee all of this." All of what? (*the errors of false teaching, temptations, the love of money*)
- Paul doesn't stop at telling Timothy to flee dangerous things, he also tells him what to pursue. What does it mean to pursue something? (*follow, chase, work at*)
- Read the list of things Paul says to pursue. Does it remind you of any other list? (*hint: Fruit of the Spirit—Gal. 5:22-23*)
- Paul says to "fight the good fight of faith." Why does he say to "fight"? (*following Jesus is not always going to be easy*)
- Can you win a fight by not taking any action? (*probably not*)
- What do you think Paul means when he says Timothy made a "good confession in the presence of many witnesses"? (*confession of Christ as his Lord and Savior*)

Do it

- Talk as a family about when each of you "made your good confession." Who did you tell? What steps did you take afterwards?
- Grab a box of sidewalk chalk and head outside. Have your child write the memory verse in large letters on your driveway or sidewalk, then illustrate it as desired. No sidewalk chalk? Use crayons to write the verse on paper.

BEYOND

Dig Deeper

What does the Bible tell us about our good confession of Christ as our Savior? Read the following verses:

- Romans 10:9-10—With what should you believe? With what should you declare (confess)?
- James 2:19—Can you believe but not confess? The demons believe in Christ but do they confess Him as their Savior?
- Matthew 10:32—When we acknowledge (confess) Jesus as Savior to others, what does He do?