

SERMONS & PRESENTATIONS

PAUL'S LETTER TO TIMOTHY NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Fight the Good Fight

It has long been known that the tobacco industry values profits over people. Money motivates the tobacco industry to aggressively lobby for laws that do more for their own pockets than for the well-being of citizens. Money is what keeps commercial tobacco on shelves even though its burden on families, the healthcare system, and the U.S. economy is well-documented. To be clear, the tobacco industry loves money.

You need look no further than the tobacco industry to understand why Paul warns young Timothy that the *love of money* is the source of *all kinds of evil* (1 Timothy 6:10). In his letter to Timothy, Paul points out that some, in their thirst for money, have left their sense of goodness. He tells Timothy to run from such pursuits and to, instead, *fight the good fight of faith* (1 Timothy 6:12).

In this same way, we must all actively oppose a "profits over people" culture, and fight faithfully for what is right. We are called to stand against evil and contend with forces of injustice. We will yet see what we have hoped for (Hebrew 11:1)! When that day comes, like Paul, we too will declare that we have kept the faith, we have finished the race, and we have fought the good fight.

