

# Fight the Good Fight of Faith – 1 Timothy 6:12

**Ephesians 6:12** (read also 2 Corinthians 10:4-6)

This is not a wrestling match against a human opponent. We are wrestling with rulers, authorities, the powers who govern this world of darkness, and spiritual forces that control evil in the heavenly world. [GOD'S WORD® Translation](#)

## 1. **Truth** (*The Word of God is Truth and is our foundation – Matthew 7:24*)

### **Ephesians 6:13-14b**

For this reason, take up all the armour that God supplies. Then you will be able to take a stand during these evil days. Once you have overcome all obstacles, you will be able to stand your ground. <sup>14</sup> **So then, take your stand! Fasten truth around your waist like a belt.**

'Speak the truth in love' - Ephesians 4:15.

#### **a. Read the Bible everyday**

- you may try an audio Bible
- read through the entire Bible using a plan – *doing it is more important than completing within a specified time period*
- try to memorise a verse you do not know.

#### **b. If you don't have one, buy a good study Bible**

- highlight things that speak to you
  - mark things you don't understand and pray for understanding
- Try a different translation alongside what you already have.

#### **c. Bible Commentaries** are good aids – *you can search online for used copies*

- **For Everyone Bible Study Guides** by Tom Wright (*New Testament Series*). The first in the series is, '*Matthew for Everyone*'.

- **Tyndale Commentaries** [Old Testament & New Testament]  
*There are 48 in the set, however they can be purchased individually.*

#### **d. Online Bible Commentaries**

- <https://enduringword.com> by David Guzik
- <https://www.blueletterbible.org/commentaries>

#### **e. Read good Christian books, watch good Christian films/content, listen to scripturally sound Christian music**

**2. Faith** (*Truth is linked to Faith*)

Hebrews 11

By faith recognise and believe that God is present with you, actively at work and in control of all circumstances. It is impossible to please God without faith.

**3. Prayer** (*Faith is linked to Prayer*)

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Psalm 55:16-17; 19:14; 5:1-3; 143:1,8

We are exhorted to prayer throughout the entire Bible, so should schedule time to pray both individually and corporately.

**4. Loving Service** (*Prayer is linked to Loving Service*)

John 13:34-35, Matthew 5:44, Luke 6:27-28

Make it a priority to serve God's Kingdom.

Do good to those who hate you; pray for those who spitefully use you.

## **Resolutions related to Growing In Christ:**

**1. Work on growing in contentment**

Rather than looking at what you don't have, be grateful for what you have.

**2. Look at criticism others bring to you – a tough one!**

Be open to instruction and correction when necessary, instead of reacting or making excuses.

**3. Work on forgiveness**

Pray, "*Lord help me to forgive, as you have forgiven me.*"

**4. Be an encourager**

Magnify positives; don't focus on negatives.

**5. Live in the reality every day, that this could be your last day before you stand before the Lord**

Perhaps read through this list of resolutions once a week.

***Along with your goals for this year, "Plan to Grow In Christ."***