

1. Earlier on the 29th of April, I taught 1Ti 6:11 and when the clock tolled noon we were on the verge of completing an analysis of the phrase Αγωνιζομαι Ο Καλος Αγων translated in the KJV “fight the good fight.”
2. Before returning to the exegesis of verse twelve I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. Let me first give you an expanded translation of 1Ti 6:9-11.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:9 All, and that includes pastor-teachers, who have an inordinate desire for wealth will invariably fall into temptation and become entrapped into many foolish and harmful desires. Such desires will plunge them into ruin and destruction.

1Ti 6:10 For you see the love of money is and keeps on being the root of all kinds of evil and some because of their craving have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with a great deal of pain and suffering.

1Tim 6:11 But you, man of God, avoid all these things, i.e., materialism lust. Strive for the process of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patient endurance, and gentleness.

4. Paul’s imperative for Timothy is to fight the good fight. I want to review some of that learned and then begin new material on page two.
5. The entire verse has been translated in the KJV:

KJV-New Sentence

1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT Αγωνιζομαι αγων ο καλος

1. **Agonizomai Agon Ho Kalos** is better translated “Now Timothy, it is important for you to fight the good fight as one competing before many witnesses ...”
2. **Agonizomai** is a verb parsed as a 2nd person singular, present active imperative followed by the monadic noun **Kalos** declined as an accusative singular and the noun **Agon** which is also declined as an accusative singular.
3. **Agonizomai** is where we get our word agonize. As a delegated apostle fighting the good fight includes doing the work of a pastor teacher, particularly in Ephesus during the absence of Paul.

3.1 **Agonizomai** appears seven times in the New Testament where it is translated “strive, fight, would fight, have fought, laboring, laboring fervently” and “that striveth.”

4. **Agon** is most often used to describe a place of contest, stadium or a race course. The meaning also is used to describe a competitor giving an all-out effort before a great crowd.

Phi 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

Phi 1:30 Having the same **conflict** which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

1Th 2:2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with **much contention**.

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience **the race** that is set before us,

2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good **fight**, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

2Ti 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

5. **Kalos** appears more than 80 times in the New Testament where it is variously translated “good, goodness, worthy, honest” and “well.” Examples:

Gal 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing **good**, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Gal 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good--*Agathos* to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Gal 6:11 See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

Gal 6:12 Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ.

Gal 6:13 Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh.

Gal 6:14 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Gal 6:15 Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation.

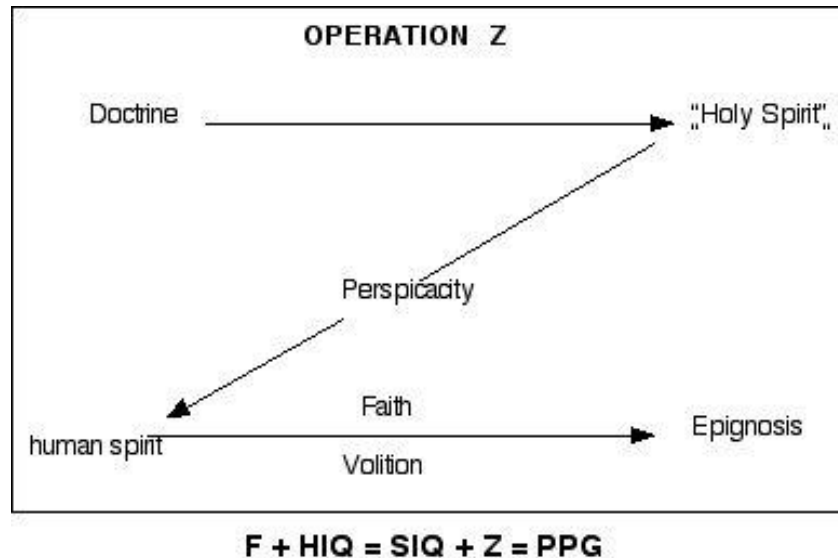
Jam 2:6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

Jam 2:7 Do not they blaspheme that **worthy** name by the which ye are called?

Heb 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Heb 5:13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both **good** and evil.



Heb 6:4 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit,

Heb 6:5 who have tasted the **goodness** of the word of God and the powers of the coming age,

Heb 6:6 if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

Heb 6:7 Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God.

Heb 6:8 But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.

1Pe 2:12 Having your conversation **honest** among the pagans: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your **good** works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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