

1. Earlier on 5-27-2018, I taught in part 1Ti 6:12 and when the clock tolled noon we were exegeting the phrase “on eternal life.”
2. Before returning to the exegesis 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.

1Ti 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. So far, we have exegeted that portion of 1Ti 6:12 which in the KJV has been translated “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold ...” noting it might better be rendered “**Now Timothy, it is important for you to strive as one competing in the Corinthian Games; fighting the fight of faith, and take possession ...**”

6. 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.

7. Now for the phrase “on eternal life.”

ON ETERNAL LIFE Ο ΖΩΗ ΑΙΩΝΙΟΣ

1. **Ho Zoe Aionios** is better translated “of your eternal life ...”

2. **Zoe** is a monadic noun followed by the noun/adjective **Aionios** declined as a genitive singular and the noun **Zoe** declined as a genitive singular.

3. Now let's again see how our verse looks so far by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:12 Now Timothy, it is important for you to fight the good fight of faith and take possession of your eternal life ...

4. Paul again returns to his favorite metaphor: the old stirring metaphor of the Olympic contestant competing for a prize.

1Co 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

1Co 9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

Phi 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Phi 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Phi 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

5. This metaphor Timothy must have heard so often from his old master's lips as he taught Timothy, a man of God, to rise above the pitiful struggle for perishable and useless things.

6. Clearly, he urges his young acolyte to fight the noble fight of faith and bids him to keep his eyes on the real prize, the Crown of Life and not the many things contained within the façade of materialism.

Jam 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

7. Implied in Paul's admonishment is the basic truth so often forgotten "eternal life begins at point of faith in Christ and never, never, ever ends."

8. The emphasis rests here mainly on the words "the good fight" and "eternal life." These things are placed in strong contrast with "the struggle of the covetous who aspire to "miserable things" described in Paul's first letter to the Church at Corinth as "human good—wood, hay and stubble."

1Co 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

1Co 11:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

9. "The good fight," is the contest and struggle which the Christian has to maintain against the world, the flesh, and the devil. To these axioms Paul reminds his favorite acolyte—do it!

10. Now for the phrase “whereunto thou art also called.”

WHEREUNTO THOU ART ALSO CALLED, ΕΙΣ ΕΙΜΙ ΚΑΛΕΟ

1. **Eis Eimi Kaleo** is better translated “for it was to this life that God called you ...”

2. **Eis** is a preposition followed by the verb **Eimi** parsed as a 2nd person singular imperfect active indicative and the verb **Kaleo** parsed as a 2nd person singular aorist passive indicative.

3. **Eis** provides direction thus it could be translated “for it was for this very purpose.” We find Paul urging understanding that our eternal life or everlasting life begins when we are regenerated in time and it is to continue on a moment by moment basis as we redeem the time.

Eph 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

4. **Kaleo** appears more than 140 times in Scripture where it is translated “shalt call, called, calling, who has called” or “was called.” Examples:

Rom 9:6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

Rom 9:7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed **be called**.

Rom 9:8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

Rom 9:9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son.

Rom 9:10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac;

Rom 9:11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that **calleth**;))

Rom 9:12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Rom 9:24 Even us, whom he **hath called**, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

Rom 9:25 As he saith also in Hosea, I **will call** them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

Rom 9:26 And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there **shall they be called** the children of the living God.

Gal 5:13 For, brethren, ye **have been called** unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Gal 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him **that hath called** us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1Jo 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we **should be called** the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

4.1 The "calling" in this verse refers both to the inner and outward calling of Christ. The inner call is the persuasion in the heart; the outward call is the summons by Paul and apparently ratified by the church at Lystra.

5. Now for the phrase "and hast professed ..."

AND HAST PROFESSED ΚΑΙ ΕΙΜΙ ΟΜΟΛΟΓΕΩ

1. **Kai Eimi Homologeō** is better translated "and have professed ..."

2. **Kai** is a conjunction used as a simple connective. **Eimi** is the verb to be parsed as a 1st person singular aorist active indicative. **Homologeō** is a verb parsed as a 2nd person singular aorist active indicative.

3. **Eimi** is translated in the KJV "hast." We have often studied the verb "to be" therefore I am choosing not to provide a word study. It is usually translated "is, are, was, were" or "be." The KJV translation "hast" is a bit unusual.

4. **Homologeō**

4.1 **Homologeo** is often translated “confession.” For most of us we know it is the word translated confess in 1Jo 1:9. It means “to site” or to “name whether with emotion or without emotion.” Let’s look at how it is used elsewhere in Scripture.

Mat 7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Mat 7:23 And then will I **profess** unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

1Jo 1:9 If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jo 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2Co 9:12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

2Co 9:13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your **professed** subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;

2Co 9:14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

2Co 9:15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

1Ti 6:13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good **confession**;

1Ti 6:14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1Ti 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

1Ti 6:16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

Heb 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our **profession**, Christ Jesus;

Heb 3:2 Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.

Heb 3:3 For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the **profession** of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

5. Now for the phrase “a good profession.”

6. Now let’s see how our verse looks so far by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:12 Now Timothy, it is important for you to strive as one competing in the Corinthian Games; fighting the fight of faith, and take possession of your eternal life; for it was to this life that God most certainly called you ...”

A GOOD PROFESSION Ο ΚΑΛΟΣ ΟΜΟΛΟΓΙΑ

1. **Ho Kalos Homologia** is better translated “when you made a good profession ...”

2. **Kalos** is a monadic adjective declined as an accusative singular followed by the noun **Homologia** declined as an accusative singular. We have just studied the verb **Homologeō** and now find the noun form.

3. Kalos

3.1 **Kalos** appears more than 100 times in Scripture where it is translated “good, well, worthy” or “honest.” Examples:

2Co 8:12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

2Co 8:13 Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.

2Co 8:14 At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality,

2Co 8:15 as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."

2Co 8:16 I thank God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you.

2Co 8:17 For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative.

2Co 8:18 And we are sending along with him the brother who is praised by all the churches for his service to the gospel.

2Co 8:19 What is more, he was chosen by the churches to accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer in order to honor the Lord himself and to show our eagerness to help.

2Co 8:20 We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift.

2Co 8:21 For we are taking pains **to do what is right**, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men.

2Co 8:22 In addition, we are sending with them our brother who has often proved to us in many ways that he is zealous, and now even more so because of his great confidence in you.

2Co 8:23 As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ.

2Co 8:24 Therefore show these men the proof of your love and the reason for our pride in you, so that the churches can see it.

1Ti 4:4 For everything God created is **good**, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,

1Ti 4:5 because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Tit 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of **good** works.

Tit 2:15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

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?

Jam 2:8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

Jam 2:9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

Jam 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

5. Now for the final phrase “many witnesses.”

BEFORE MANY WITNESSES. ΕΝΩΠΙΟΝ ΠΟΛΥΣ ΜΑΡΤΥΣ.

1. **Enopion Polus Martus** is well translated “before many witnesses.”

2. **Enopion** is an adverb followed by the adjective/adverb **Polus** followed by the noun **Martus** declined as a genitive plural.

3. **Enopion**

3.1 **Enopion** appears more than 80 times where it is translated “before, sight, presence of” and in the sight of.” Examples:

Acts 10:30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood **before** me in bright clothing,

Acts 10:31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance **in the sight** of God.

Acts 10:32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

Acts 10:33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here **present** before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

2Co 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience **in the sight** of God.

2Co 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

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