### CROSS WINDS WHAT IS THE CHURCH? 1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16



What is your favorite flavor of ice cream? When was the last time you ate it?

# SERMON REVIEW

**Read 1 Timothy 6:11; 2 timothy 3:16-17.** What is significant about the title *man of God*? What does a modern pastor or leader need to remember to walk in those shoes?

**Read 1 Timothy 6:11.** What a pastor runs from is just as significant as what a pastor runs after. What does a pastor run from? What must a pastor pursue in his life?

Can you think of other things in the Bible from which we are told to run (1 Cor 10:14; Col 3:5)? Can you think of others things we are told to pursue (2 Tim 2:22; 1 Peter 3:11)?

**Read 1 Timothy 6:12 and Ephesians 6:12.** When it comes to fighting, over what should a pastor or church leader be willing to fight? How does a good pastor fight?

## Read 1 Timothy 6:13-15 and 2 Timothy 4:7 and Acts

**20:24.** Why must a pastor set his mind to not just start well but to finish well? How does a mid-course failure affect his legacy? Why should we think of life as a race where we need to do our best all the way until the Lord calls us home or Christ returns?



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### **DIGGING DEEPER**

**Read Jude 12 and Ezekiel 34:1-10.** One of the common sins of pastors/leaders is using the people of the church rather than serving the people of the church. How do we see televangelists and health-wealth-prosperity preachers engage in that practice today? What does it look like when a church leader subtly begins using the church and its people instead of serving them?

**Read Jeremiah 10:21.** What does this tell us about the role of prayer as church leaders makes decisions?

**Read 1 Peter 5:1-4.** Name three common sins of church leaders in this passage and the corresponding corrective Peter gives.

Who is the model shepherd-pastor-leader that every church leader should pattern their life after?

As Jesus suffered and died for his sheep, pastors should also set their mind to lay down their life for the spiritual health of their sheep. How does that change the way you think of the job of a pastor?