

John 18:36

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

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I TIMO'THY 6:11-14

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11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

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.

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;

14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Fight = *Agōnizomai*

Meanings

- 1. to contend with adversaries, fight**
- 2. to endeavour with strenuous zeal, strive: to obtain something**
- 3. metaphorically. to contend, struggle, with difficulties and dangers antagonistic to the gospel**
- 4. to enter a contest: contend in the gymnastic games**

I. In Prayer

Colossians 4:12

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always *labouring fervently* for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

I. In Prayer

A. As a servant of Christ

Psalm 66:18

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

B. For others

James 5:16

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

C. For the will of God to be accomplished

Matthew 6:10

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

II. In Conflict

2 Timothy 4:7

**I have *fought* a good fight, I have finished my course, I
have kept the faith:**

II. In Conflict

A. With conviction

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

B. To completion

Colossians 4:12

C. With confidence

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

III. In Ministry

Colossians 1:29

Whereunto I also labour, *striving* according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

A. A cooperative effort

B. A considerate effort

Ephesians 3:7

Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

C. A conscious effort

IV. In Running

1 Corinthians 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.

A. The going

1 Corinthians 9:26-27

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

B. The goal

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