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1. A good pastor speaks God's Words.

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:11 (ESV)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)

2. A good pastor knows when to run.

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things... 1 Timothy 6:11 (ESV)

A. Run from people that love quarrels.

B. Run from people that think ministry is about money.

C. Run from sexual temptation.

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 1 Corinthians 6:18 (ESV)

D. Run from youthful lusts.

So flee youthful passions... 2 Timothy 2:22 (ESV)

3. A good pastor knows what to pursue.

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:11 (ESV)

A. Run after righteousness and godliness.

O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? He who walks blamelessly and does what is right... who swears to his own hurt and does not change. Psalm 15:1, 4b (ESV)

B. Run after faith and love.

C. Run after endurance and gentleness.

4. A good pastor is a fighter.

Fight the good fight of the faith... 1 Timothy 6:12 (ESV)

Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. Jude 3–4 (ESV)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7 (ESV)

5. A good pastor won't let go of Jesus.

...Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 1 Timothy 6:12 (ESV)

6. A good pastor plans to finish well.

I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time. 1 Timothy 6:13–15 (ESV)

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so."
Matthew 27:11 (ESV)

7. A good pastor remembers whom they serve.

he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. 1 Timothy 6:15–16 (ESV)



1 Timothy 6:11-16

What Is A Good Pastor?