

**Introduction:****Text:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8**Question:** How do we fight successfully for our future—our chance of victory or success?**A. Fight for our Future with Wisdom from God** (Psalm 90:10-12)

1. Wisdom to discern that we are transients on earth.
2. Wisdom to prolong our life and live healthy.
3. Wisdom to use our time productively.
4. Wisdom to balance our week between work and worship (Exo. 30:8-10).
5. Wisdom to fight for our prosperity without worry (Matt. 6:31-34).
6. Wisdom exemplified by Moses (Heb. 11:24-27).

**B. Bloom where God has Planted us** (Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14)

1. God is the LORD of history, whom we can trust wherever we are, and whatever our situation (vv. 1, 4, 10).
2. God who wants us to bloom in our present situation (vv. 5-7).
3. God who warns us against false prophets (vv. 8-9).
4. God who knows His plans to give us hope and a future (v. 11).

**C. Fight for the Security of our Eternal Future** (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

1. This is Paul's personal eulogy.
2. This is Paul's summarized testimony.
3. Applied to us,
  - a. If you don't choose your future, you have no future to fight for.
  - b. Your future is what you make it, as you follow Christ.

c. Your future is your God-given life mission and vision.

d. Pursue your life mission and vision with eternity in view.

e. Your future is as bright as God's promises to you.

f. Remember, "Only one life t'will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last."

**Conclusion:****TABLETALK STARTERS**

(For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

**Read: 2 Timothy 4:6-8**

1. What pattern of living does Apostle Paul inspire you to apply to your life from this passage?
2. How does Paul encourage you to fight for your temporal (earthly) and your eternal (heavenly) future?

**Read: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14**

3. How does this passage that God is the Lord of history, who rules and overrules in the affairs of man, give you the reason to entrust your life to God?
4. What do you think is God's plan for you, whatever your present situation might be (vv. 10-14)?

**Read: Matthew 6:25-34**

5. The three basis worries of people everywhere are about food (what to eat), fashion (what to wear), and about the future (the uncertainties of tomorrow).
6. How did Jesus address their worries that will help you today (vv. 25-33)?

**PRAY**