

A Solemn Call to Spiritual Duty

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 1 Timothy 6:13-16.
- B. Paul wants to motivate Timothy to adhere to his commission.
- C. Motivation in ministry is related to the nature of our God. The way we live our lives is a direct result of who we understand our God to be.
- D. Certain attributes of God give us courage in our spiritual duty.

II. The preserving power of God.

- A. He is the creator of life.
- B. He sustains all life. (Psalm 36:6)
- C. He is the protector of his own. (Psalm 37:28, Matthew 10:21)
- D. Paul commended Jesus to Timothy as a model. Jesus trusted God for the resurrection so he never equivocated. Our courage depends upon a belief that certain power comes from God.

III. The truthfulness or trustworthiness of God.

- A. The glorification of the children of God will one day come. (1 John 3)
- B. God has an incredible future in store for us.
- C. God in his own time will reveal Christ.
- D. The man of God fulfills his spiritual duty because of his confidence in God.

IV. The blessedness of God—he is content, satisfied and has no frustration over anything.

- A. Nothing is beyond his control so he is totally content. (Psalm 2:12)
- B. God is working all things together for our good, so we too can be content. (Romans 8:28)

V. The sovereignty of God.

- A. No one beside him is God. (Isaiah 40:25; 44:6)
- B. God has absolute power. (Deuteronomy 4:35, 39)
- C. The fact that God is sovereign takes away every anxiety of our lives. (Deuteronomy 10:17, Psalm 136:3, Daniel 2:47)
- D. We can be comforted that God is in charge.

VI. The eternity of God. We have a God that will always be there to fill all our needs. (Psalm 36, Isaiah 28, Psalm 90)

VII. The holiness of God. (Psalm 104:2, Exodus 32:34, Exodus 15:11, 1 Samuel 2, Matthew 5:8, 1 Corinthians 13:12, 1 John 3)

A. God is so holy he never makes mistakes.(John 17, Isaiah 3:14)

B. Because he is holy he will chasten sin.

VIII. We do not need to fear what man will do to us because we know who our God is.

Application Questions:

1. Why is motivation tied to our faith?

2. Which attribute of God do you find most motivating? Explain.

3. How can one encourage the faith of others and grow in his or her own? Explain.
