

Conference Summary

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I. The race.

A. We each have a particular race to run and there is a common denominator for all of us.

B. Why is it difficult to discern what our race is?

1. For some it is more natural to think in terms of career.

2. God is thinking in terms of character.

C. Happiness is the byproduct, not the product. (Hebrews 1:9)

1. God is concerned about character.

2. Character is determined by choices. (Isaiah 7:15)

a. Choices involve conflict because we have enemies: the world, the flesh and the Devil. Much is “against” us. (Ephesians 6:12)

D. “Race” is often translated conflict or fight. This demands a great commitment to the gospel. (Philippians 1:30, Colossians 2:1, 1 Thessalonians 2:2, 1 Timothy 6:12, 2 Timothy 4:7)

II. 1 Timothy 6:12.

A. It is impossible to have faith in God without having a Word from God.

B. Walking by faith—trusting in six words from Jesus. (John 4:50)

C. Do you have a specific Word from God? Is it anchored to the Word?

Application questions

1. What is your specific race? What struggles do you face that characterize the battle that you must face?

2. Do you have a Scripture from the Lord that seems to apply specifically to your life in the present? What does it mean to you?

3. How will you engage the battle this week keeping in mind the sins you are most prone to? What can you do new that will help you to make progress in your character for the Lord?
