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## Advent Faith

### 1 Timothy 6

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. 11 But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith.

One who professes Christ and yet who directs his every effort to obtain money cannot avoid the danger of apostasy from the faith... **W.E. Vine**

**Flee** – seek safety by flight; to shun or avoid

**Pursue** – to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing; to seek after eagerly

### Faith as an Overcomer

#### 1) Faith is a Gift

### Ephesians 2

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

### Romans 3

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God 24 and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

### Hebrews 12

2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith...

## 2) Faith Must Be Developed

### Luke 17

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

### Romans 10

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

### 1 Peter 2

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

## 3) Faith Will Be Tested

### Acts 14

22c... through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

### Mark 13

13 And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

**Endure** – To persevere: under misfortunes and trials to hold fast to one’s faith in Christ... **The Outline of Biblical Usage**

Endurance is one of the keynotes of Christian life and witness in this age... **C.E. Graham Swift**

### 1 Peter 1

6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

### Ephesians 3

12 In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

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