



Lewiston Church of Christ

May 9, 2021

Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM
Sun. Worship 10:45 AM
Sun. Day/Evening Groups
Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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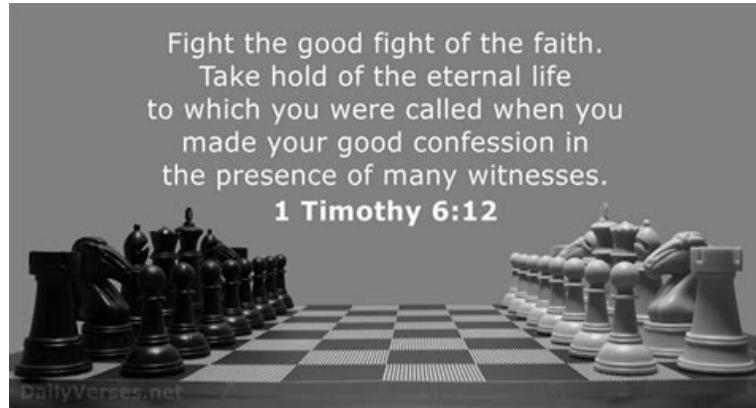
Education – Rick Richardson
Finance – Tom Hill
Outreach – Mark Whittaker

AREAS OF SERVICE

Building – Ken Vogtman
Custodian – Ron & Cindy Roberson
Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren
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Seize Hope!

*“While we're talking, envious time is fleeing:
Pluck the day, put no trust in the future.”
(Horace: ‘Odes’, book I)*

The phrase **“carpe diem”** originates from the ancient Latin line above penned by the Roman poet, Horace (65 – 8 BC). It means “seize the day!” On the surface, “carpe diem” comes off as an exciting call to live life in the moment for all it is worth. But scratch that surface and you’ll see your moments fly by like the wind. Moments cannot be seized. Try it. You can gather rosebuds “while ye may,” but they will not be rosebuds for long.

The apostle Paul understood this and wrote, “If the dead are not raised, ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.’” (1 Corinthians 15:32). So, if death gets the last word, then all we can do is live for the moment. Trusting the future is foolish.

However, Paul’s point was that through the power of God, the dead are raised. If we trust God’s promise and power to raise the dead, we can trust the future. This hope beyond the grave helped early Christians endure severe persecution looking forward to the future for relief. “Carpe diem” cannot inspire such hope.

The apostle Paul did not share Horace’s gusto-grabbing mindset. He wrote, “Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” (1 Timothy 6:12). For Paul, the only way to take hold of eternal life was to let God, through Jesus Christ, take hold of us.

Jesus’ followers reject any philosophy that says, “put no trust in the future.” Jesus came, lived, died, and rose again to give His followers a future with Him. We were not made merely for time’ we were made for eternity. Thus, we live more by “carpe spero” (seize hope) than by “carpe diem.”