

Some Notes from 1 Timothy 6:6-19

The Essence of the Eternal vss 12, 19 “Eternal Life”

The Eternal is the

- infinite, everlasting realm with no beginning or end
- Domain of Almighty God Isaiah 57:15 Who
 - o “gives life” vs 13 Isaiah 42:5, Acts 17:24-25
 - o was incarnated in “Christ Jesus” vs 13 Colossians 2:9 Who
 - “testified before Pontius Pilate the good confession” vs 13 Matthew 27:11/Mark 15:2/Luke 23:3/John 18:33-37
 - will return in God’s time vss 14-15 Matthew 26:64/Mark 14:62, Acts 1:11
 - o “is the blessed and only Sovereign” vs 15 Psalm 103:19 “King of those reigning as kings and Lord of those ruling as lords”
 - o “has immortality” vs 16 Psalm 90:2
 - o “dwells in unapproachable Light” vs 16 1 John 1:5
 - o is unseen and unseeable vs 16 Exodus 33:18-23, John 1:18
 - o is worthy of “honor and eternal dominion” vs 16 Revelation 5:13, 1 Timothy 3:17
- Future Experience of those who “hope...in the Living God” vs 17 “things to come” vs 19 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, Revelation 21:2-4

Summary: The Eternal is the Infinite, Everlasting Realm of God that is the future experience of those who hope in Him.

How we can Experience the Eternal “take hold of eternal life” vs 12

This Temporary Age is a period of time inside the vast infinity of the Eternal. The command in vs 12 to “take hold of eternal life” is a mandate to

- deliberately, actively choose the Eternal from our current place in the Temporary.



- right here and now in this Age fully embrace life the ceaseless presence, boundless blessing, and limitless power of God that will be our experience in Eternity.

Our first and catalytic Eternal-choosing Action is to answer the call to Eternal Life and confess it publicly. vs 12

Our ongoing Eternal-choosing Actions include faithful fulfillment of the mandates in vss 11, 12, 14, 17, and 18, including:

- “flee [continually] from these things” vs 11
“these things” are the “many foolish and harmful cravings” in vs 9 and the “love of money” in vs 10
- “keep aggressively pursuing” vs 11
This is a mandate for deliberate, extensive investment of time and attention with determined ongoing investment of energy, money, and other resources to understand more fully and actively apply more faithfully:
 - “righteousness”
faithful fulfillment of God’s standards which are His expectations for our relationships with Him and with fellow God-imaged creatures Matthew 22:37-40/Mark 12:29-31
 - “godliness”
full, unconditional devotion to God e.g., Acts 10:1-2
 - “faith”
actively trusting Promise of God as Truth Hebrews 11:1-2
 - “love”
unconditional commitment to an overriding priority to do whatever it takes to advance the good of another
1 Corinthians 13:4-8a
 - “perseverance”
patient, hope-sustained endurance through difficult experiences
James 1:2-4
 - “gentleness”
humble self-control Colossians 3:12-13