

Spurgeon's Notes

6:12—We are told to “lay hold on eternal life.” Observe that this precept is preceded by another: “Fight the good fight of faith.” Those who take hold of eternal life will have to fight for it. The way of the spiritual life is no easy one; we will have to contest every step of the way. “Contest the good contest of the faith” would be an accurate rendering of the passage, and a contest it is against the world, the flesh, and the devil. If we live unto God, we will need to war a daily warfare and tread down the powers of death and hell.