

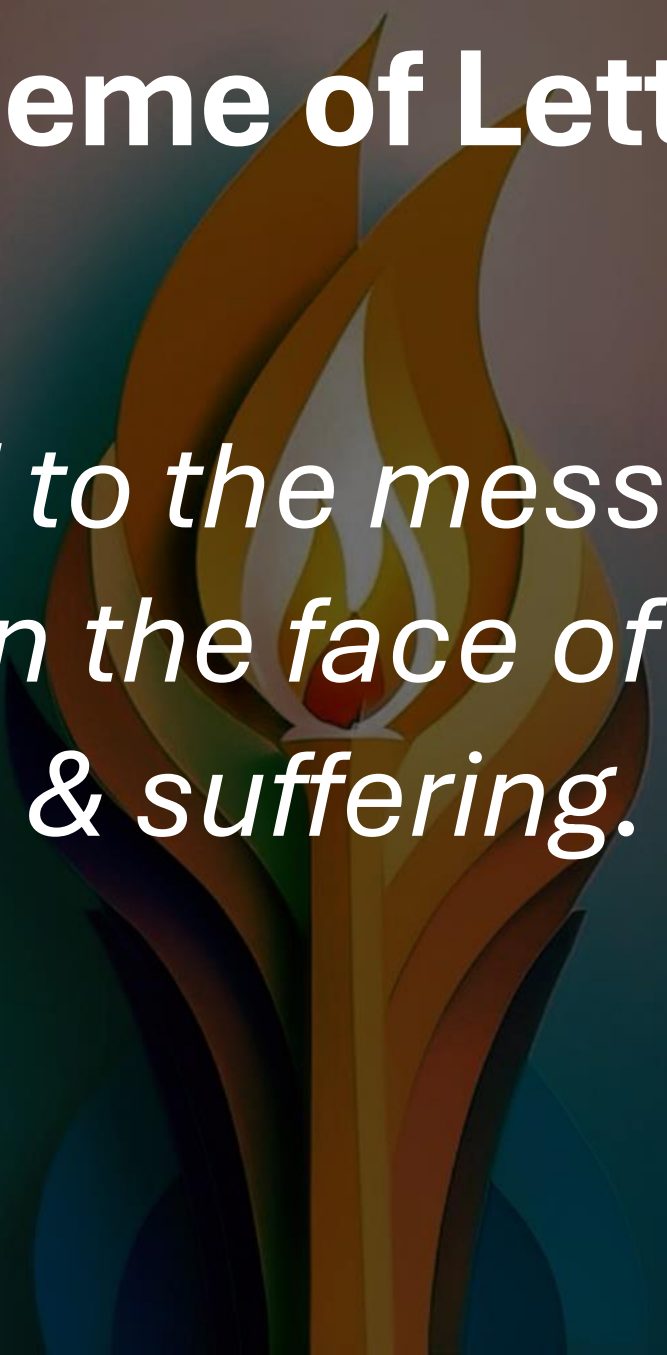


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2 Timothy

Theme of Letter

*To be devoted to the message & mission
of the gospel in the face of false teaching
& suffering.*



Overview

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Call to
SUFFER for
the Gospel

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Call to
ENDURE for
the Gospel

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Call to be
STRENGTHENED
by the
Gospel

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Call to
PREACH the
Gospel

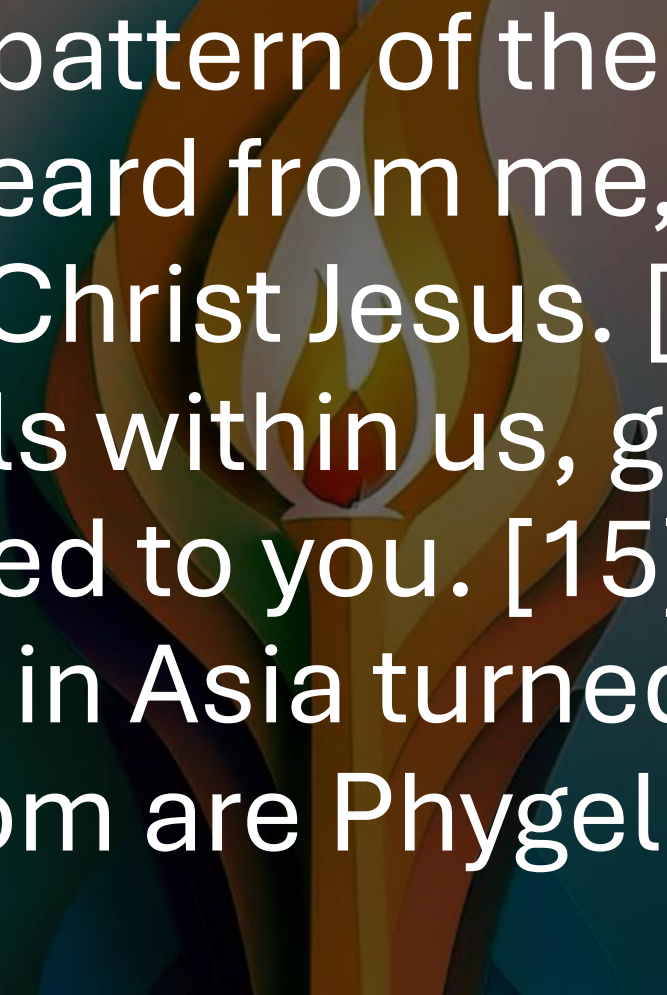


2 Timothy 1:13-18

Week 4: Preserve the Gospel

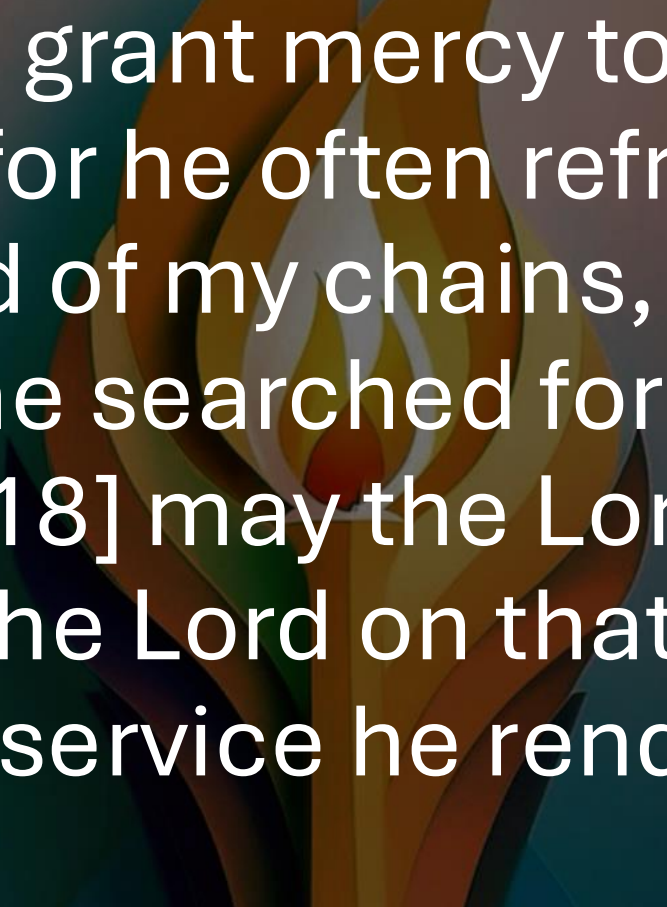
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- Remember Paul's EXAMPLE
- Don't improvise the CONTENT of the gospel.
- The gospel is VITAL to spiritual health

Digging Deeper



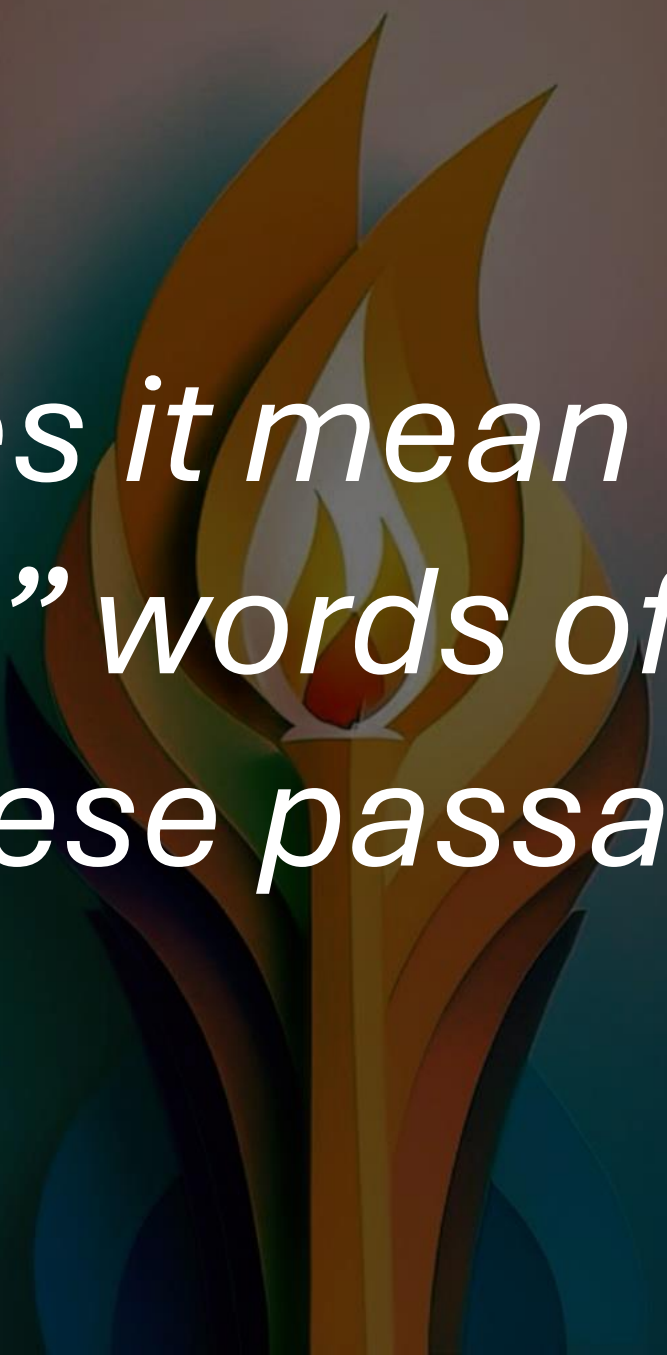
- Greek word **echo** means, “*to have, hold, possess,*” is a very common Greek word (700+ times in NT); and is translated as: “*follow, retain, keep, hold fast, etc.*”
- Greek word **hygiano** means, “*sound, healthy, good working order.*”

1 Timothy 1:8-11

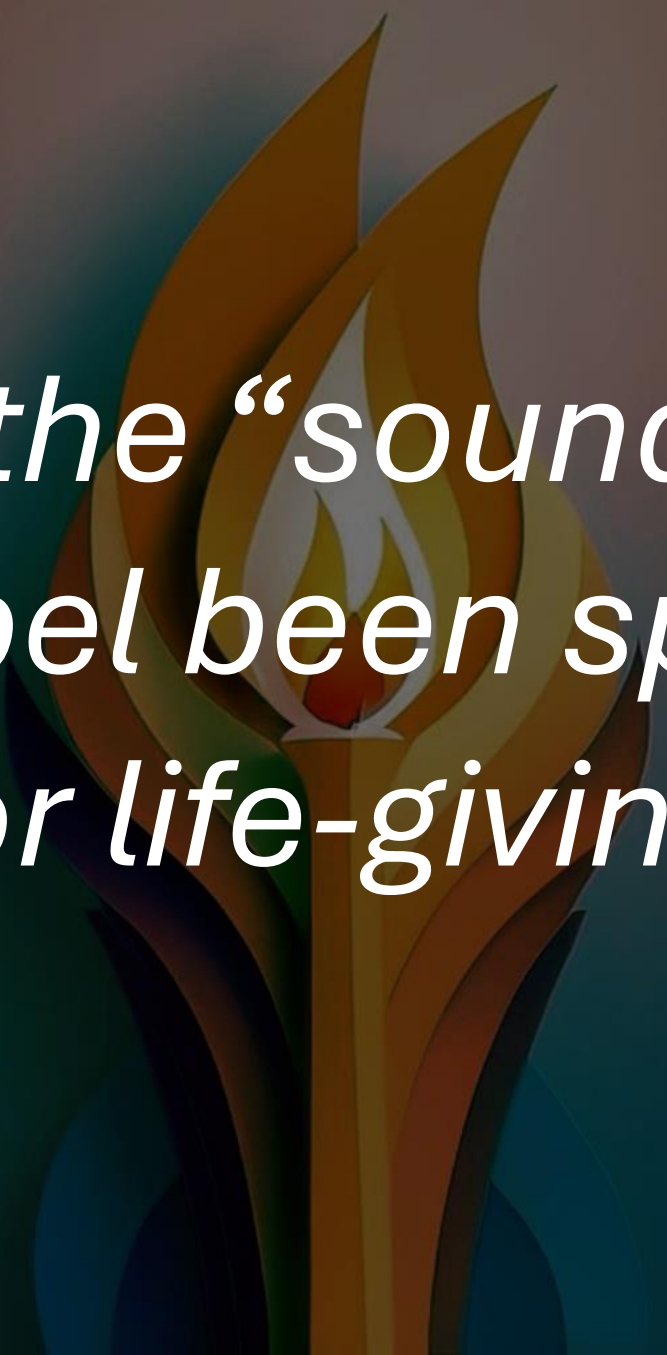
[8] Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, [9] understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, [10] the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to **sound** doctrine, [11] in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

1 Timothy 6:3-5

[3] If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the **sound** words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, [4] he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, [5] and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain



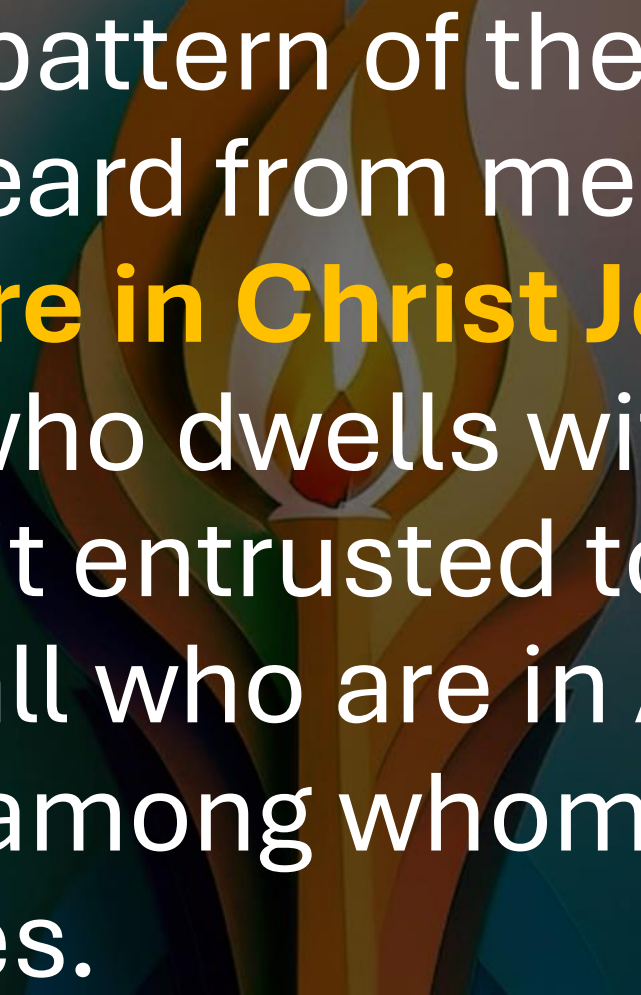
*What does it mean to hold to
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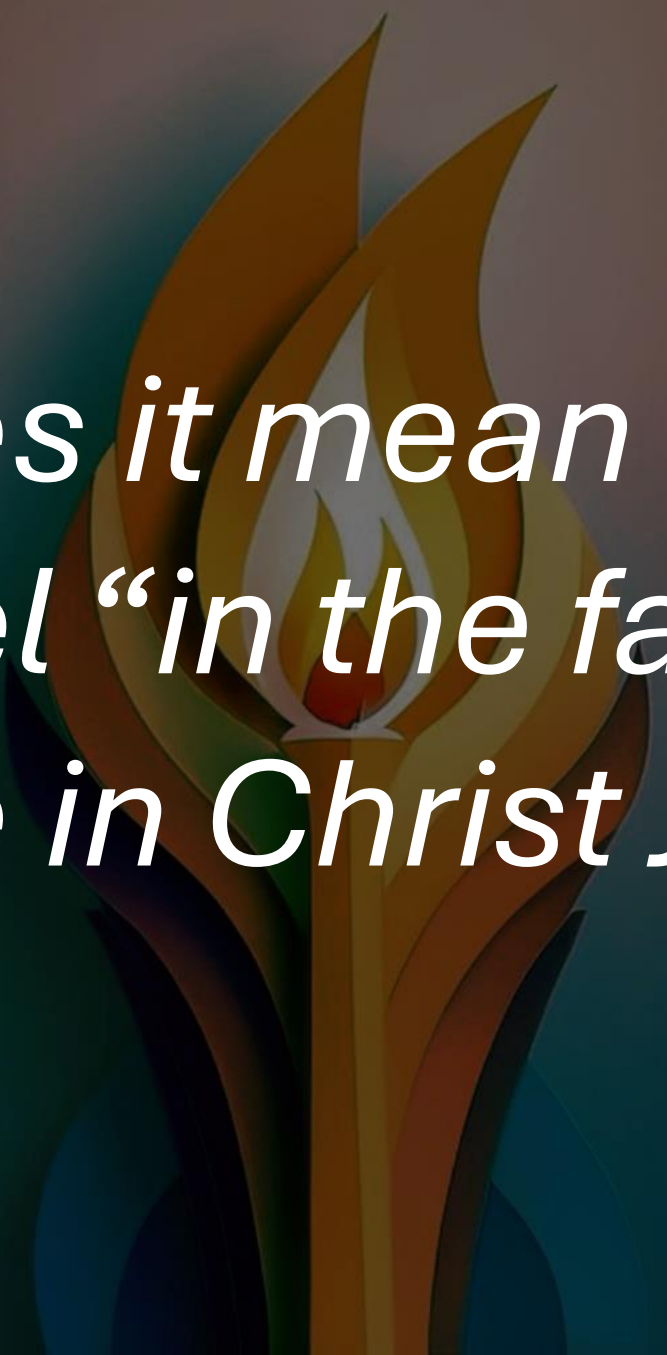


*How have the “sound” words of
the gospel been spiritually
healthy or life-giving to you?*

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*What does it mean to hold to
the gospel “in the faith & love
that are in Christ Jesus?”*

RETAIN



- **Doctrine & lifestyle** should match – a very consistent theme in the Pastoral Epistles.
- Holding to sound words should result in a personal **trust** in the Lord Jesus.
- Holding to sound words should result in an authentic **love** for Jesus.

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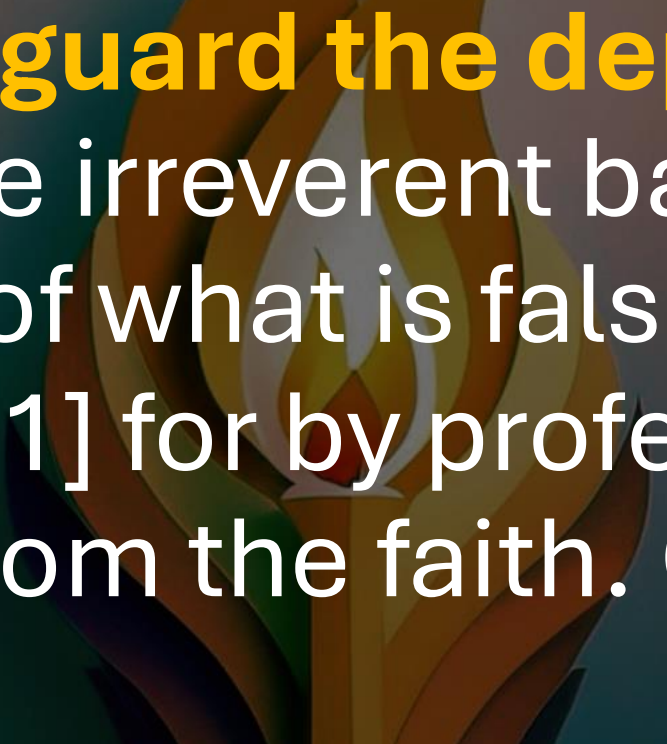
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1 Timothy 6:20-21

[20] O Timothy, **guard the deposit** entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” [21] for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.



1 Timothy 1:18-20

[18] This charge I **entrust** to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, [19] holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, [20] among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

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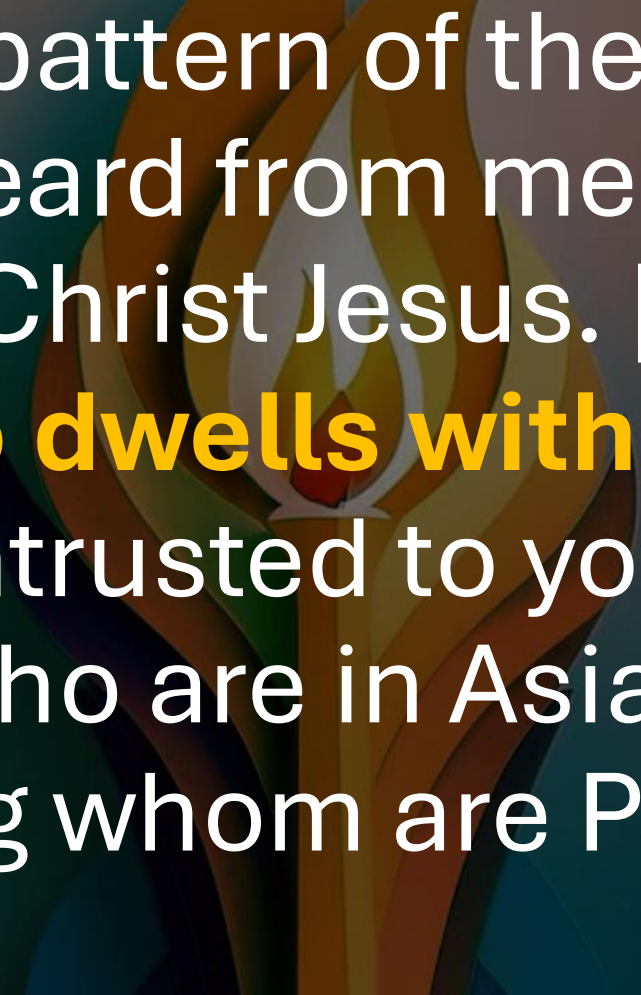
*Why does Timothy need to
“guard” the good deposit?*

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*What are examples of threats to
the gospel in our culture?*

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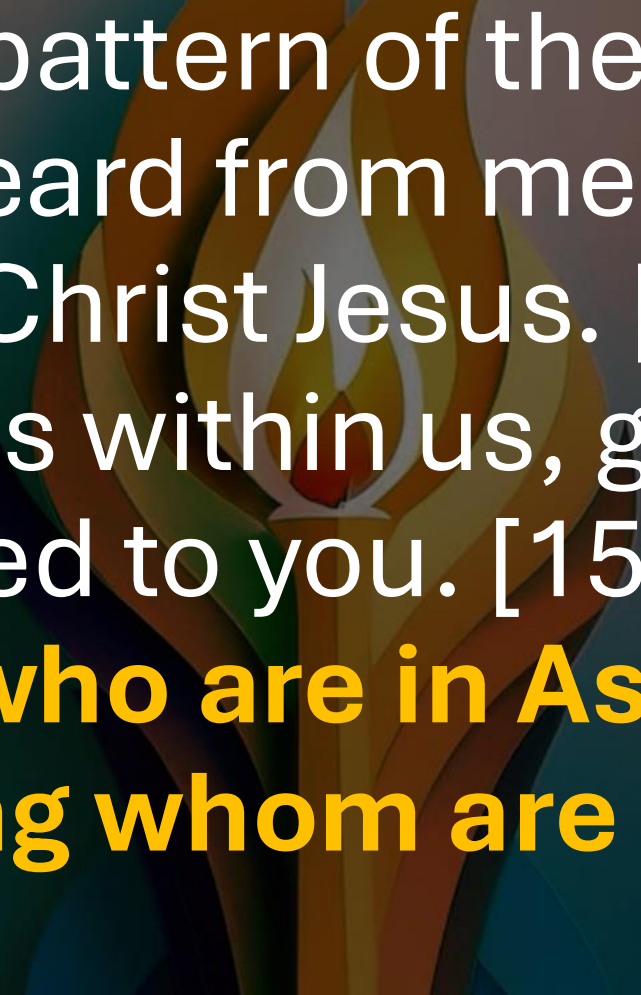
RESIST



- Guarding the gospel is **not**, should not, cannot be done in our **OWN STRENGTH**.
- Guarding is a matter of **DEPENDENCE**, not merely diligence.
- Guarding is required because we are in a **SPIRITUAL BATTLE** (Eph. 6; 2 Cor. 10)

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RESIST



- Paul experienced **widespread** (all in Asia) & **personal** (Phygelus & Hermogenes) desertion.
- Paul names two examples, perhaps because Timothy knew them or needed to know them.
- Desertion isn't new to Jesus-followers (Jn. 15); but it illustrates the **cost of discipleship**, that some are not willing to bear.



*What potential threats would
cause someone to abandon
Christ or his followers today?*

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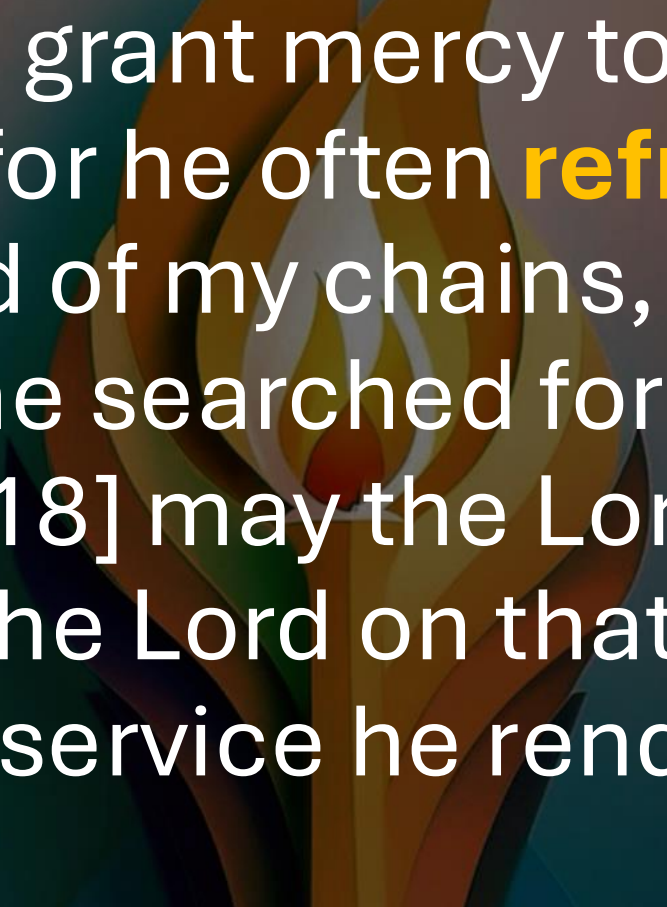
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Digging Deeper

Greek word ***anapsýxō*** (from *aná*, "up/completing a process" which intensifies *psýxō*, "cool by blowing")

- Properly, bring cooling (reviving, with fresh air); (figuratively) bring much-needed (much-welcomed) relief,
- Causing someone to recover a state of cheer or encouragement after a time of anxiety and trouble – 'to encourage, to cheer up'





*How did Onesiphorus “refresh”
Paul?*

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REFRESH



- Paul needed refreshment because of the combination of abandonment, suffering, loneliness, etc.
- Onesiphorus refreshed Paul because:
 - He was faithful to Christ when others weren't
 - He was willing to serve Paul in face of danger
 - He was personally encouraging to Paul

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*Why does Paul pray for mercy
for Onesiphorus & his
household?*

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Application: Retain/ Resist

- Identify **one core doctrine** (e.g., grace, resurrection, sin) and review it biblically this week. Clarify it for yourself and be ready to explain it clearly to others.
- Choose **one area of theology** you've felt unsure about and commit to studying it biblically. Use a trusted commentary or resource.

Application: Refresh

- This week, **encourage a friend or family member using Scripture** — not opinion or cliché. Speak with both truth and compassion.
- Reach out to a missionary, pastor, or Christian friend under strain. **Encourage them with a visit, call, prayer, or send a message.**



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