

II Timothy 4:7 *I have...kept the faith.*

The Amplified Bible - *I have kept the faith [firmly guarding the gospel against error].*

I Corinthians 15:3-6 "*Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised from the dead.*"

**Paul kept the faith and he charged Timothy to do the same - I Timothy 6:20;  
II Timothy 1:13-14 "Guard the deposit entrusted to you."**

The deposit was the truth; the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**You and I have been given the charge, to guard the deposit of truth, given to us by the Holy Spirit, when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, but how are we to do so?**

I. First, you and I must keep the faith; hold true to the Gospel in our hearts (the inward man).

John 7:38-39 *Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.*

Romans 10:9-10 with the heart one believes."

Romans 1:16 *everyone who believes.*

I Thessalonians 2:13 *the Word of God...at work in you believers.*

I Peter 3:15 *in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy*

It is only true worship if the flame of hunger and love for God is first ignited in the inward man; the heart.

II. We keep the faith when we are vigilant to maintain the purity of the Gospel.

In Revelation 22:18 *if anyone adds...if anyone takes away*

I Cor. 16:13 *stand firm in the faith*

*Galatians 1:7 there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.*

*Jude 3-4 contend for the faith once and for all delivered to the saints...For certain people have crept in...who pervert the grace of our God...and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ*

III. We keep the faith when we allow the Word to do its work in us.

*Colossians 3:16 Let the Word of Christ dwell in your richly*

The Word of Christ - "the entire body of truth as given through the NT writers."

The foundation of the entire body of truth is the Gospel.

Dwell - "be at home."

THE SAINT SHOULD GIVE IT UNTRICTED LIBERTY IN HIS LIFE.

*I Thess. 2:13 the Word of God which is at work in you*

What does the Word of God produce in us by the Spirit of God?

Christlike character

*I Peter 1:14-15 as He Who called you is holy, so you also be holy*

*Ephesians 5: 1-2 walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

"The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God that we know as He talks to us and guides our lives. He can efficiently talk to us to the extent to which we know the Word. That is the language He uses." - Kenneth Wuest

IV. We keep the faith by living in community with others of like faith.

*John 17:21 that they all may be one...so that the world may believe that you have sent me*

*Romans 12:4-5 many members...one body*

*I Peter 3:8 all of you, have unity of mind....brotherly love*

*Ephesians 4:1-6 walk in a manner worthy of the calling...humility...patience, bearing with one another...maintain unity*

*Romans 14:19 mutual upbuilding*

*Romans 15:6 together...with one voice*

*Philippians 1:27 one spirit...side by side*

*Ephesians 4:16 the whole body...each part working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love*

*1 Corinthians 12:26 one member...all*

*1 Corinthians 12:14 not...one...but many*

*Hebrews 10:23-25 let us...let us... one another...meeting together*

It is the will of God that when this thing wraps up, that all of us will be able to say, "I KEPT THE FAITH."

To those who keep the faith, great reward awaits them and awaits us.