

# Class Is Dismissed

1 Timothy 6:20-21 - December 11th, 2022

FLEE  
FOLLOW – PURSUE  
FIGHT  
DEFEND

**There is a relationship and a reality being emphasized.**

O Timothy! (With emotion and emphasis)

**2 Peter 1:16** For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

**Be On Guard: Guard what has been entrusted to you**

*“On Guard” Be prepared, assume the position. French duel or sword fight.*

*He didn't need to get his calling, he needed to own it*

*Walk worthy of your calling... Is your life worthy of His sacrifice?*

**If Jesus and Christianity was the sum of your witness of it, would you follow?**

**Guard:** to keep an eye on, to watch over for safety and health. Not drawbridges barricades

**Guard what?**

**Your witness – not to be casual with it.**

**Spirits Giftings** and leadership... people.

**1 Corinthians 12:1** Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant.

**God's Word**

**1 Corinthians 4:1-2** Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

Faithful... God gave it to you to steward it.

**1 Timothy 1:12-13a** And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a \_\_\_\_\_.

***Only a mature mind can guard what is valuable and important*** (Proverbs 9)

***Kid's don't guard anything...***

*They will leave their toys in the front yard to be stolen, chips open to be stale, spend money like its water, as if it just comes out of a faucet called mom and dad.*

## Only three reasons why you need to guard something.

### People:

1. Won't value it
2. Will try to take it (jealous – joy, contentment, self-righteousness)
3. Will want to destroy it

### Avoid... pitfalls and potholes

Avoid (side step)

Profane and idle babblings

Contradiction of what is falsely called knowledge (science)

***“Only dread false or pretend science” – Albert Barns***

Gap theory - Macro vs. Micro Evolution

### ***Falsely called knowledge:***

**Agnostic = lacking or no knowledge**

**Gnostic = the claim of having great or unique knowledge**

*Gnostics, claimed to have a special spiritual knowledge.*

“Hidden truths in the scriptures and dreams or visions that were superior.

Jesus was only a great sign from God but not God Himself. (condensation)

Blend of Christianity, Eastern mysticism, Greek philosophy, and Jewish legalism.” ***“One stop shop for everyone”***

Strayed from the faith because they got lost in an ***intellectual puzzle*** and lost the presence and power of Jesus. – ***They are on the path only to critique it.***

GRACE (Undeserved favor) be with you...