



"The Church That Guards the Gospel"
**"THE PORTRAIT OF A FAITHFUL PASTOR:
11 MARKS OF AN FAITHFUL MINISTER"**

Part 2

1 Timothy 4:11–16

INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

- I. HE IS A PROTECTOR OF THE TRUTH - (v. 6a)
- II. HE IS A PUPIL OF THE TRUTH - (v. 6b)
- III. HE IS A PURGER OF THE FALSE - (v. 7a)
- IV. HE IS A PURSUER OF GODLINESS - (vv. 7b–9)
- V. HE IS A PERSEVERER IN LABOR - (v. 10)

VI. HE IS A PROCLAIMER OF THE TRUTH - (v. 11)

"Command and teach these things."

A Faithful Minister Teaches with Authority

"command" (*parangellō*) - to give an order, issue a directive, or deliver a mandate.

4 ESSENTIAL FOUNDATIONS OF AUTHORITY:

1. It is grounded in an unwavering confidence that the Bible is the inspired and authoritative Word of God.
2. It depends on faithful interpretation.
3. It is strengthened by a commitment to uphold biblical truth through loving and consistent church discipline when necessary.
4. It flows from a desire to please God rather than men.

VII. HE IS A PATTERN FOR THE SAINTS - (v. 12)

"Set the believers an example..."

A Faithful Minister Is a Model of Spiritual Virtue

"example" - *tupos* - refers to a pattern, model, or imprint that others can follow.

FIVE AREAS OF EXAMPLE

SPEECH - Words reveal the heart.

CONDUCT - Actions must match words.

LOVE - Christlike compassion toward others.

FAITH - Trustworthiness and faithfulness.

PURITY - Moral and spiritual integrity.

VIII. HE IS A PREACHER OF THE SCRIPTURES - (v. 13)

"Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

A Faithful Minister Has a Thoroughly Biblical Ministry

Scripture remains central to his ministry.

IX. HE IS A PRACTITIONER OF HIS CALLING - (v. 14)

"Do not neglect the gift you have..."

A Faithful Minister Fulfills His Calling

He faithfully exercises the spiritual gifts God has entrusted to him.

X. HE IS A PERSON OF PROGRESS - (v. 15)

"Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress."

A Faithful Minister Is Totally Absorbed in His Work and Progressing in Spiritual Growth

He is devoted to continual growth and maturity.

XI. HE IS A PERSISTENT GUARDIAN - (v. 16)

"Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching; persist in this..."