



BEWARE!

GUARDING THE GOSPEL

1 TIMOTHY 1:1-11

"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

1 Timothy 6:12 (NIV)

THE PASTORAL LETTERS

1 & 2 Timothy, Titus

- Written by Paul to shepherds.
- Personal, practical, and urgent.
- Focused on doctrine, leadership, and guarding the church.
- Address false teaching, godly living, and the mission of the church.
- Paul's charge: Guard the Gospel and equip others to do the same.

A CHURCH THAT IGNORES SOUND DOCTRINE WILL DRIFT.
A CHURCH THAT GUARDS THE GOSPEL WILL STAND.

FAITH... WHAT HAPPENED?



SHIPWRECKED

1 Timothy 1:19

Some have shipwrecked their faith.

- Drifting from truth.
- Compromising with culture.
- No anchor, no direction.

"They have turned away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."
 1 Timothy 1:19 (NIV)



DEPARTED

1 Timothy 4:1

Some will depart from the faith.

- Falling for clever lies.
- Following deceiving spirits.
- Teaching doctrines of demons.

"The Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons." 1 Timothy 4:1 (NIV)



DENIED

1 Timothy 5:8

Some deny the faith.

- Ashamed of the Gospel.
- Afraid to stand for truth.
- Living as if Christ doesn't matter.

"Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."
 1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)



WANDERED

1 Timothy 6:10

Some wander from the faith.

- Chasing wealth and wants.
- Loving the world.
- Missing the mark.

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."
 1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV)

CARING FOR THE SHEEP

1 Timothy 1:3-7



- Teach sound doctrine.
- Refute false teaching.
- Stay on mission.
- Be examples of godliness.
- Guard your heart and mind.
- Pray without ceasing for others and yourself.

The Christian life begins with right theology and a right view of God.

"I urge you to stay away from godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly."
 2 Timothy 2:16 (NIV)

THE FOUNDATION IS GOD'S WORD



2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21 (NIV)

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Sound Doctrine comes from the Authoritative Word of God.



GUARD THE GOSPEL. TEACH IT. LIVE IT. PASS IT ON. FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV)

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

PRACTICAL TAKE-AWAYS



Hold fast to sound doctrine.
 1 Timothy 1:10



Guard your heart and mind.
 Proverbs 4:23



Keep the Gospel central.
 1 Timothy 1:11



Refuse speculative teaching that distracts from Christ and unity.
 2 Timothy 2:23



Pray for others and yourself.
 1 Timothy 2:1-2



DISCIPLESHIP: A LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP IN JESUS

- Who are you discipling?
- Who are you passing sound doctrine down to?
- Parents and Grandparents: Discipleship begins at home!

"So if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!" 1 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV)