

Guard It by Passing It On

2 Timothy 1:13-14; 2:1-2

What are we preparing the next generation to become?

How does the church preserve what it has received without letting it stop with us?

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Hold what was handed to you

2 Timothy 1:13

“Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus”

2 Timothy 1:13 — NASB 1995

What are we preserving?

Inherited practices must be tested against Scripture

Apostolic teaching the standard Timothy received

Our revisions do not replace that standard

Guard it as a trust

2 Timothy 1:14

“Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.”

2 Timothy 1:14 — NASB 1995

Stewardship

Stewardship means responsibility without ownership.

Timothy is responsible for something he did not create and does not have authority to alter.

What would it look like to fail this trust?

- 1 Change what was received
- 2 Neglect to teach it
- 3 Allow it to stop with us

Be strengthened by grace

2 Timothy 2:1

“You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus”

2 Timothy 2:1 — NASB 1995

Why does Paul place grace between guarding and entrusting?

Responsibility is real, but it is not self-sustaining.

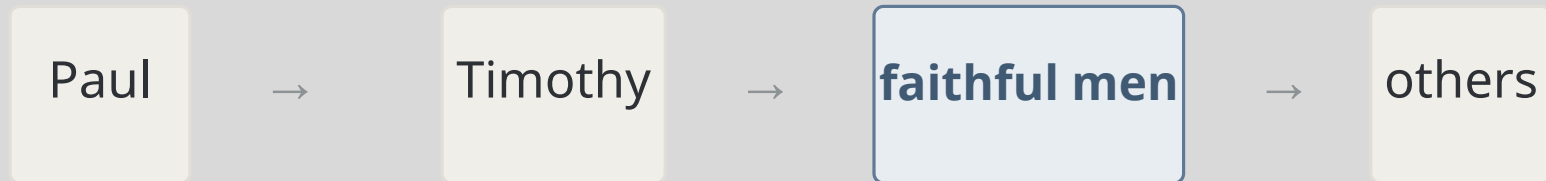
Put it into faithful hands

2 Timothy 2:2

“The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also”

2 Timothy 2:2 — NASB 1995

The movement beyond Timothy



Paul is already looking beyond Timothy.

Who should Timothy entrust this to?

Faithful

Can they be trusted?

Character, reliability, and faithfulness matter.

Able to teach

Can they communicate it faithfully?

The teaching must continue beyond Timothy.

Participation and spiritual formation are not the same thing.

The goal is faithful Christians who can
eventually teach others.

What are we preparing the next generation to become?

Faithful Christians who can receive, live, and pass on what they have been taught.

What we have received should not stop with us.

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