



GUARD THE GOSPEL

A TRUST TO KEEP

2 Timothy 1:13-18

I. The trust we have is a GRACIOUS GIFT.

- A. The Christian faith is not made up *by* us; it is handed down *to* us.
- B. Its origin is God's eternal purpose, revealed in history in Jesus.
- C. The Gospel proclaims what God, in love, has done to redeem us.
- D. Because it deals with *facts*, some things are true and others false.
- E. We aren't called to issue orders to others but to offer invitations.

II. The trust we have is a SOLEMN DUTY.

- A. Deposit entrusted to us is a *beautiful, noble* and *precious* treasure.
- B. We are charged to use it and care for it in the interest of another.
- C. What we do with the gospel demonstrates the value we put on it.
- D. Our responsibility is to ensure that it is neither lost nor damaged.
- E. The Holy Spirit enables us to be faithful if we call on him for help.

III. The trust we have is a SOLITARY TASK.

- A. Our faith is common but our individual circumstances are unique.
- B. Each one of us will find our faith is challenged in different ways.
- C. We may be completely alone when we're confronted about Jesus.
- D. On each occasion, we choose either to desert or to defend the faith.
- E. Our hope, no matter what the situation, is in God's gracious mercy.

CONCL: The trust we have is given by God for the GOOD of the world and the GLORY of his Name. Guard it well.

*"We exist to glorify God
by enabling all people
to become fully-devoted followers
of the Lord Jesus Christ."*