



GUARD THE GOSPEL

PASS IT ON

2 Timothy 2:1-7

- I. **Power comes from RECEIVING and PURSUING God's grace.**
 - A. Jesus promised disciples they'd receive power to be witnesses.
 - B. When we want to serve Jesus we'll long for the ability to do so.
 - C. By grace we have both faith in Christ and joy in serving him.
 - D. We won't desire to be equipped until we desire the task itself.
 - E. A longing to serve should lead us to pursue the means of grace.
- II. **Maturity isn't just LEARNING the faith, it's LIVING it.**
 - A. God calls people not just to be *hearers* of the Word, but *doers*.
 - B. The purpose of the church is to build up believers into maturity.
 - C. Maturity is measured by how well our words and deeds coincide.
 - D. Christian education isn't to fill our heads; it's to shape our lives.
 - E. Reliable people will pass on the message of the gospel to others.
- III. **Faithfulness demands DEDICATION, DISCIPLINE & DILIGENCE.**
 - A. The call to discipleship is a call to endure hardship with Christ.
 - B. Faithfulness requires us to be focused on the goal ahead of us.
 - C. Everyday experience is full of examples of how this plays out.
 - D. Only those who develop and exercise these qualities succeed.
 - E. Study the Word and wait on the Lord to give you guidance.

CONCL: Guarding the gospel means INTENTIONALLY passing it on to FUTURE generations.

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