

“Guarding The Treasure”
Passing On Salvation’s Legacy

2 Timothy 2: 14 - 26
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“Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.” (2 Timothy 1:13-14, ESV)

God Has Called Those Who Are Mature To Pass On The Living Legacy of Salvation, (vs. 1: 13 - 14)

5. We Must Pass On The Truth That Salvation Is Not The Norm In The World, (vs. 3: 1 - 13)

- **1) We Must Realize That Salvation Puts Us At Odds With The World** **“Understand** (Pres.Act.Impv),
Last Days - Difficulty - *“knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.” (2 Peter 3:3, ESV)*
 - **2 - 4a) “Without Self-control”** - *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23, ESV)*
 - **4b - 5) “Appearance of Godliness”** - *“...devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.” (Titus 1:14, ESV)*
 - **6-7) “Capture**(Pres.Act.Part) / **Always Learning** (Pres.Act.Part) - **Never Able**(Pres.Act.Part)” - *“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.” (Matthew 23:13, ESV)*
 - **8 - 9) “Corrupted** (Perf.Pas.Part) / **Disqualified”** - *“They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.” (Titus 1:16, ESV)*

- **10) We Must Realize That Salvation Changes Our Perspective** **“You Have Followed (Aor.Act.Ind)”**
- “so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.” (Ephesians 4:14, ESV)
 - **10b) “Teaching / Conduct / Aim / Faith / Patience / Love / Steadfastness** - *“because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.” (1 Thessalonians 1:5, ESV)*
 - **11) “Persecutions / Sufferings - Endured, Lord Rescued”** - *“He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.” (2 Corinthians 1:10, ESV)*

- **12) We Must Realize That Salvation Is A Declaration of War!** **“Live Godly Will Be Persecuted” -**
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:10-12, ESV)
 - **13) “Imposters”** - *“For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand.” (Matthew 24:24-25, ESV)*

- **Application: 1) Proof in the Pudding 2) Simplicity, Sincerity by God’s grace 3) Nothing New**
1) “For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, 2) that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you. 3) For we are not writing to you anything other than what you read and understand and I hope you will fully understand—” (2 Corinthians 1:12-13, ESV)

How have you been “friends” with the world to avoid difficulty?

6. We Must Pass On The Truth That Salvation Is A Call To Live By The Word Of God, (vs. 3: 14 - 4: 5)
7. We Must Pass On The Truth That Salvation Is Persevering In The Faith, (vs. 4: 6 - 13)
8. We Must Pass On The Truth That Salvation Is The Reason The World Opposes Us, (vs. 4: 14 - 18)
9. We Must Pass On The Truth That Salvation Is The Only Thing That Binds People Together, (vs. 4: 19 - 22)