

Living Above the Fray

Guard Duty

2 Timothy 1:13-18

The Content of The Gospel

1. God saved us.
2. God has called us to a “holy Calling.”
3. We are not saved by anything that we have done but in spite of what we have done.
4. All of this flows from the eternal plan of God and our salvation is by the grace of God.

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5. Jesus, though eternal, became part of that which was created.
 - a. He abolished death
 - b. He brought life to light
 - c. He brought immortality to light

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¹³ What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Importance of a Pattern

1. Without a clear pattern mission-creep is inevitable.
2. What alters the pattern?
 - A. External influences
 - B. Internal influences
3. The effect of altering the pattern.

The Necessity of Guard Duty

1. We need to know what we are guarding.
2. We need to know how we are to guard.
3. We need to prepare subsequent generations to guard the deposit.
4. We need to realize that our commitment to the gospel may call us to sacrifice.

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¹⁵ You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes.

¹⁶ May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. ¹⁷ On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me. ¹⁸ May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus.

To Go . . .

- Who established the pattern that you hold regarding God and his purposes?
- How valuable is the “deposit” that is entrusted to you?
- What is required of those would “guard” this deposit?