

Guard the Gospel (2 Timothy 2:1-7)

- The theme of 1:8-18 from Paul was “Don’t be ashamed of the Gospel.”
- Timothy, don’t be ashamed but stand in the power of Jesus (1:12)
- Remember: soundness of my words, Timothy (1:12-13) in faith & love
- Guard the good deposit by the power of the Holy Spirit given you (1:14)
- Don’t follow the example of Phygellus and Hermogenes (1:15)
- The things I am teaching you, are exemplified in Onesiphorus (1:16-18)

I. Be Strong In the Grace that is in Christ Jesus (2:1)

- The pronoun “**you**” encourages Timothy to ‘be strong’ like Onesiphorus
- If we are to be used of the Lord: only by the grace found in Christ Jesus

II. Passing the Gospel on To Faithful Men (2:2)

- What Paul along with other witness taught, Timothy was to pass on
- Paul wants Timothy to be strengthened, to train other men for service
- They must be ‘trustworthy men’ able to teach others themselves

III. A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus (2:3-6) Metaphors of Ministry

- Paul now adds, join in my suffering like a ‘good soldier’ – 3 metaphors
 - 1) A soldier (vv. 3,4)
 - 2) An Athlete (v.5)
 - 3) A Farmer (v.6)

IV. Reflect on the Word (2:7)

- Ponder & understand – God will give understanding