

Guard the Good Deposit

2 Timothy 1:8-18

Introduction: What had Onesiphorus Reported?

Do Not Be Ashamed (8-13)

God Gives Us His Power (8; Rom. 1:16)

Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

God Called Us by His Grace (9; Eph. 1:4-5)

Ephesians 1:4-5 For he *chose* us in him *before the creation of the world* to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he *predestined* us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

Christ Jesus Conqueror Death (10; Phil 1:20-21)

Philippians 1:20-21 I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be *ashamed*, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

I Am NOT Ashamed (11-12; 2:9; 4:8)

2 Timothy 2:9 for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained.

2 Timothy 4:8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Guard the Good Deposit (13-14)

Keep to the Sound Teaching of the Word (13-14a)

How Can We Guard the Good Deposit? (14, 12; 1 Tim. 6:20)

1 Timothy 6:20-21 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹ which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.

Unashamed Example (15-18)

Many had been Ashamed (15; 4:10a, 16)

2 Timothy 4:10 for *Demas, because he loved this world*, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica.

2 Timothy 4:16 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but *everyone* deserted me. May it not be held against them.

Unashamed of the Gospel (16-18)

2 Timothy 4:19 Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus.

Mark 8:38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Perseverant Partner in the Gospel (17, 18)

Conclusion: Unashamedly Guard the Good Deposit (Acts 5:40-42)

Acts 5:40-42 They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.