

Women's Bible Study

A Spiritual Legacy

Guard What God Gave You – 2 Timothy 1: 8 -18

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Intensive Study Questions

Key Verse: "Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us." (2 Tim. 1:14)

Remember to support your answers with Scripture as needed

1. What does Paul tell Timothy to not be ashamed of in verses 8-18? Why should we not be ashamed to testify for the gospel? (Consider 2 Tim. 1:7 and Romans 1:16) Under what conditions have you been afraid to give your testimony? Why? What does Mark 8:38 say about those who are ashamed of Christ?
2. List at least 4 ways Paul describes the gospel in verses 8-10. According to these verses, what was Jesus' role in the delivery of the gospel message?
3. Paul exhorts Timothy to join him in suffering for the gospel. Read Isaiah 53 and 1 Peter 2:19-25. In what ways did Christ set an example for us in suffering? What are some reasons we might suffer as Christians? Why should it not surprise us when we suffer? How does one "suffer well?" Why do you think it is important to learn from Jesus' and Paul's example how to suffer well? Find at least two verses which describe a biblical response to any kind of suffering.
4. According to Paul in verses 12-14, what is God to guard? What are we to guard? Why do you think it is important to separate the two?
5. According to verse 12-14, how do we guard the "good deposit" or the "beautiful spiritual truths of our faith" which have been entrusted to us? How can holding fast to these help us in times of trial, transition, and tribulation?
6. Look up HOLY SPIRIT in a concordance. Name three ways the Holy Spirit ministers to us and helps us guard the Gospel?
7. Using the example of Onesiphorus, name several ways we can offer support to those involved in ministry.

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Discussion Questions

1. Think of a time you have had an opportunity to give your testimony or witness for the gospel. What was easy or difficult for you about speaking the name of Christ? Do certain situations or people make you fearful of speaking about your faith? Why or why not? What does Mark 8:38 say about those who are ashamed of Christ? How might we encourage one another to speak the name of Christ and the gospel message more often?
2. Isaiah 53 and 1 Peter 2:19-25 describe ways in which Jesus was a suffering servant. What are some ways Christ set an example for us in suffering? For what reasons might Christians suffer? Why should it not surprise us when we suffer? How does one "suffer well?" Why do you think it is important to learn from Jesus' and Paul's example how to suffer well?
3. According to verse 12-14, how do we guard the "good deposit" or the "beautiful spiritual truths of our faith" which have been entrusted to us? How can holding fast to these help us in times of trial, transition, and tribulation?
4. Onesiphorus is a positive example of offering support and encouragement to those who minister for the gospel. How can helping behind the scenes influence the gospel message? What are some things you can do to support someone involved in ministry.