

Guard what was committed
1 Tim 6:20-21
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of guarding the true knowledge entrusted to us by God.

Intro: 1. Timothy was a faithful preacher.
2. What we find charged to him in these verses is a charge we should carry on today as well.

I. Guard what was committed

A. Guard

1. *the idea of isolation; to watch, that is, be on guard (literally or figuratively); by implication to preserve. (Strong's G5442) – slide 3*
2. Timothy was to guard or keep (KJV) what was committed to him.
(Col 1:23 slide 4, 2 Tim 1:14 slide 5)
3. He was to keep it pure, safe and he was not to compromise or alter the message
(Rom 16:17 slide 6, Pro 21:16 slide 7)

B. what was committed to your trust

1. What was committed to Timothy's trust?
 - a. The Gospel was committed to him.
 - b. The charge to preach the truth and nothing else was committed to him, etc.
2. Because of what is committed to him there are things which he must avoid.

II. Avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions

A. (2 Tim 2:23 slide 8, Titus 3:9 slide 9)

1. Profane means common, devoid of godliness
2. The KJV translates idle as vain. Anything that is vain is empty or worthless.
3. Thus Timothy was to avoid things that are ungodly and or worthless
(Phil 4:8 slide 10).
2. idle babblings and contradictions (2 Peter 3:16 **slide 11**)
 1. He was to avoid those things that are false – idle babblings
- things which have no merit
 2. What is sometimes called knowledge is full of these-contradictions

III. Of what is falsely called knowledge (*science* KJV)

A. Falsely defined

1. Falsely (false) – 1) not according with truth or fact 2) appearing to be the thing denoted; deliberately made or meant to deceive 3) illusory; not actually so
 - a. thus there knowledge IS – not true, deceiving and an illusion – slide 12-13
2. It's interesting that knowledge is translated science in the KJV. It is certainly the science department today who disagree with the Bible. However, the idea here also shows us that this science is *false-science, false-knowledge*.
(Ps 119:128-130 slide 14)

B. by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith

1. By professing or believing in false knowledge some have strayed from the faith.
2. We cannot believe in “so called knowledge” of those who are contrary to the truth and be pleasing in the sight of God. Thus those who follow after such have strayed -strayed from truth.

C. How have some strayed today? (**slide 15**)

1. The list is long so let’s consider a just few ways in which people today are straying from the faith by following after so called knowledge.

a. first what was once considered wrong is now considered ok or acceptable because the attitude of “what’s the harm in it” or “our kids enjoy it” has taken the place of authority.

1. Children’s church or Bible hours have taken children out of the worship assembly BUT- it’s ok because the children are “learning on their level”. – (1 Cor 11:17-18 “when you come together as the church” NKJV **slide 16**) Didn’t a young man fall asleep during Paul’s lesson and fall out of a window, they went down he took him back up and what---continued preaching! They didn’t *separate* the worship assemblies to accommodate him. (**Acts 20:7-11 slide 17-19**)

What is the purpose of Bible classes on Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings???????

2. What’s wrong with a lax approach to worship. Let the men wear shorts and t-shirts while serving on the Lord’s Table (1 Cor 11:27-30 **slide 20**, Matt 22:37-38 **slide 21**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. We must guard the truth of the God’s Word. We cannot allow ourselves to be fooled by “so-called knowledge”.
2. Full Invitation