

1 Timothy 6:20 AMP

O Timothy, guard and keep safe the deposit [of godly truth] entrusted to you, turn away from worldly and godless chatter [with its profane, empty words], and the contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge"—

Do we understand the treasure we have in the gospel message we have received, that has transformed our lives, made us eternally righteous and placed us into God's family and kingdom forever? – the good news about Jesus!

In his letters to Timothy his spiritual son and mentee, Paul emphasises the importance of this message that was entrusted to him, "the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust." (1 Timothy 1:11). He urges him over and over to guard the truth of the gospel and correct those who have gone astray regarding the truth. God had committed this gospel into his hands, and he had committed it into the hands of Timothy. Now Timothy had the responsibility of preserving it and passing it on.

Do we know and value the gospel like Paul did?

Ought we not to thank God daily for the work of the cross and the resurrection; for forgiving us and taking us out of the kingdom of darkness, for bringing us into an eternal relationship with the Father, for giving us the Holy Spirit as a guarantee of our inheritance to come and for daily giving us the grace and power to walk with Jesus and learn from Him as our Lord and friend, and so much more?

Consider this glorious gospel today and what it means to you. Let us continue the work of guarding it and passing it on to others who will in turn guard it and pass it on, so that Jesus' kingdom continues to expand on the earth.

Prayer:

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for your everlasting love, grace and mercy towards me that you chose me to receive the good news about your Son. Help me to value this great salvation and share the good news with others, in Jesus' name. Amen.