

**Series Title:**

**“Passing the Torch of Truth”**  
(An Exposition of the Book of II Timothy)

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**Sermon Title:**

**“An Introduction to Second Timothy”**  
(Part II)

**Sermon Text:**

**II Timothy 1:1-2**

**Introduction:**

**I. The Characteristics That Are Unique To This Letter**

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ That Are \_\_\_\_\_ In This Letter**

**The Unfaithful:** - 1:15, 2:16-18

- 3:5-9 – These “men” are apostate \_\_\_\_\_ in apostate \_\_\_\_\_!
- 3:13; 4:3-4; 4:10 – The word translated “deserted” means “to utterly \_\_\_\_\_, to leave someone \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_ situation.
- 4:14-15; 4:16 – Paul mentions the “unfaithful \_\_\_\_\_.”

**The Faithful:** - 1:16-18; 4:11

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ That \_\_\_\_\_ The Writing Of This Letter**

“Paul was deeply concerned, not only about the continued success of the Gospel ministry itself – but he was also deeply concerned about \_\_\_\_\_!”

- **There are hints sprinkled throughout this letter that lead us to believe that Timothy was at a dangerously \_\_\_\_\_ in his life!**
  - ✓ Timothy was struggling with feelings of \_\_\_\_\_ (1:7)
  - ✓ Timothy was struggling with being ashamed of \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_! (1:9)
  - ✓ Timothy may have even been changing or altering his \_\_\_\_\_. (1:13-14)
  - ✓ Timothy had started to neglect his \_\_\_\_\_ study of the Scriptures. (2:15)
  - ✓ Timothy might have been influenced by ungodly \_\_\_\_\_. (2:15)
  - ✓ Timothy might have been struggling in some \_\_\_\_\_ as well. (2:22-25)
- **What was the ultimate reason for Paul’s grave concern?**

**IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ That Is \_\_\_\_\_ In This Letter**

- Three key words in the book of II Timothy give us an understanding of Paul’s purpose for writing it, and those three words are “\_\_\_\_\_,” “\_\_\_\_\_,” and “\_\_\_\_\_.”

- What exactly was the “charge”? (I Timothy 1:18; 6:20; II Timothy 1:12, 14; 2:2)
- What is the meaning of the translated “guard”?
- The “deposit” is the \_\_\_\_\_, “the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.” It is referred to in I and II Timothy five times as the “\_\_\_\_\_,” 12 times as “the \_\_\_\_\_,” and 7 times as “the \_\_\_\_\_.”
- With a renewed sense of responsibility Timothy was to guard this priceless, vital “deposit” of Christian truth! **He was to \_\_\_\_\_ it, \_\_\_\_\_ it, \_\_\_\_\_ it, and \_\_\_\_\_ it along!**

**The Divine Order:**

- 1) The “glorious gospel” was first entrusted to \_\_\_\_\_. (I Timothy 1:11)
  - 2) Paul then deposited it as a special charge to \_\_\_\_\_. (I Timothy 1:18)
  - 3) Then Paul exhorted Timothy to “\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. (I Timothy 6:20)
  - 4) And finally, Timothy was instructed to entrust the treasure of truth to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (II Timothy 2:2)
- **I Timothy 1:3; 4:1**
  - With that repeated word “some” in mind, look at the five disturbing instances in this first letter where it tells of apostasy: (1:6; 1:19; 5:15; 6:10; 6:21)
  - By the time we come to the second letter, the “\_\_\_\_\_” has become “\_\_\_\_\_.” (1:15; 4:16)

**The first letter marks a break-\_\_\_\_\_; the second marks a break-\_\_\_\_\_!**

**Conclusion:**

*As a whole, the two letters to Timothy give a \_\_\_\_\_ photograph  
of the state of our present-day Christianity!*

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained  
in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.