



1 Timothy 6:20-21

The Call to Guard the Gospel

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1 Timothy 6:20

O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge"

1. Knowledge = **gnosis**
2. True knowledge = **epignosis**

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True Versus False Knowledge

1 Timothy 2:4

who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Timothy 3:7

always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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False Knowledge Leads to Hell

1 Timothy 6:21

which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith. Grace be with you.

2 Timothy 2:18

men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

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Applications

1. All beliefs that differ from the gospel are false.
2. Every believer is called to guard the truth of the gospel.
3. The true knowledge of the gospel has been delivered "once and for all."

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All Other Religions Are False

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter through the narrow gate; **for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.** 14 For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

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All Other Religions Are False

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

1. Legend
2. Liar
3. Lunatic
4. Lord

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Every Believer Must Guard the Gospel

2 Timothy 1:13-14

Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 14 **Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.**

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1 Peter 3:15

but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, *always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you*, yet with gentleness and reverence...

Truth: Delivered Once and For All

Jude 3

Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was *once for all* handed down to the saints.