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**2 Timothy 1:11-14**  
**Why and How Do We Guard  
the Apostolic Word?**

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**Pericope Outline**

2 Tim. 1:6-8    Holy Spirit enables confession  
2 Tim. 1:9-10    Our holy calling  
**2 Tim. 1:11-14**    **Follow Paul's example**

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**Paul's Apostolic Appointment**

**2 Timothy 1:11**  
...for which I **was appointed** a preacher  
and an **apostle** and a teacher.

**Preacher: One who proclaims**  
**Teacher: One who explains**  
**Apostle: One who is sent**

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**Paul Trusts God With the Gospel**

**2 Timothy 1:12 ESV**  
Which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not  
ashamed, **for I know whom I have believed,**  
and I am convinced that **he is able to guard  
until that day what has been entrusted to  
me.**

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**Day of the Lord in 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy**

**2 Timothy 1:18**  
The Lord grant to him to find mercy from the  
Lord **on that day**—and you know very well what  
services he rendered at Ephesus.

**2 Timothy 4:8**  
...in the future there is laid up for me the crown  
of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous  
Judge, will award to me **on that day**; and not  
only to me, but also to all who have loved His  
appearing.

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**How We Guard Apostolic Authority**

**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.

**Retain:** hold – don't deviate  
**Guard:** defend, teach, proclaim

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### Applications

1. We must understand why guarding the apostolic word is essential for the wellbeing of the church.
2. We must be convinced that defending, preaching, and teaching the apostolic word is necessary and worthwhile.

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### Why Guard the Apostolic Word?

#### Hebrews 2:3-4

...how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, 4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

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### False Views of Apostolic Authority

**Liberal:** Apostles are wrong

**Emergent:** Apostles can't be known

**Red Letter:** Apostles are irrelevant

**Catholic, NAR:** Apostles present today

#### 1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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### Defending the Apostolic Word Is Worth It

#### Romans 10:13-14

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

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