

Your Spiritual Deposit

2 Timothy 1:12,14

Introduction:

- A. Financial deposit
1. You give a bank your money for s_____keeping.
 2. Banks have proven themselves t_____.
- B. Spiritual deposit
1. Two main words are repeated in verse 14 from verse 12.
 - a. G_____ or keep (depending on your translation)
 - b. E_____ or committed (depending on your translation).
 2. Who does the guarding or keeping?
 - a. According to verse 12? – G_____
 - b. According to verse 14? – T_____
 3. The word translated as entrusted or committed is a Greek word that refers to anything entrusted to someone for safekeeping, which is a deposit. But what is this deposit?
 - a. The context indicates that it is the spiritual d_____ assigned by God
 - 1) For Paul it was the duties of apostleship, preaching, and teaching (v. 11)
 - 2) For Timothy it was the duties of teaching, correcting wrong doctrine, and raising up leadership (I Timothy)
 - b. What spiritual duties has God given you?
- C. Your spiritual deposit are your spiritual duties given by God.
1. Last message we learned about one of those duties – your service in the b_____ of Christ.
 2. This message we will apply this to other areas of your life such as family, friends, people at work, and even strangers.

God will forever guard the results of your service (12)

- A. What is God guarding? – The Greek text simply reads *He is able to guard my deposit*.
1. Most translations read that God was guarding what Paul had entrusted or committed to Him. – *He is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to Him*.
 2. Some translations read that God was guarding what Paul had been entrusted with. – *He is able to guard...what has been entrusted to me*. (ESV)
 3. The context seems to favor the ESV translation.
 - a. Paul was in p_____ (v. 8a)
 - b. Paul continued fulfilling the duties of an apostle, preacher, and teacher
 - 1) Wrote 2 Timothy
 - 2) Continued w_____ (v. 8b)
 - 3) Continued working with other b_____ (4:11)
- B. How is God guarding spiritual duties?
1. As Paul carried out his duties, God was working through him to impact e_____
 - a. People were coming to Christ. Eternal life is e_____
 - b. People were learning God's word. God's word will never p_____ away.
 2. So God guards the r_____ of spiritual duties, making them eternal.
- C. God is guarding spiritual duties for that d_____
1. NLT – interprets this to be the day of Christ's r_____
 2. 2 Tim 4:8 – Paul uses the same terminology to refer to Christ's a_____, which is His second Coming.
 3. On that day, the spiritual deeds of believers will be remembered and rewarded.

D. Application

1. You are not responsible for the r_____ of your service to God, whether that be in parenting, marriage, witnessing, etc.
2. The results are in God's hands.

You must faithfully guard the responsibility of your service (14)

A. In this verse Timothy is commanded to guard the deposit

1. The wording is similar to verse 12
 - a. Verse 12 – *guard my deposit.*
 - b. Verse 14 – *guard the good deposit* (see NIV translation)
2. The deposit in this verse refers to the spiritual duties that God had entrusted Timothy.

B. Timothy is instructed how to guard these spiritual responsibilities – through the i_____ Holy Spirit. What does this mean?

1. Some translations insert the understanding – *through the power of the Holy Spirit* (NLT)
2. Some translation insert the understanding – *with the help of the Holy Spirit.*
3. What would happen if Timothy were to guard his spiritual duties without the Holy Spirit? – it would no longer be _____ work but Timothy's.

C. The indwelling Holy Spirit

1. Means that Jesus is forever w_____ us (Matt 28:20) – God does not issue a command and then watch us.
2. Means that God is giving you the power to carry out your spiritual duties. Jesus called the Holy Spirit, the H_____ (Jn 14:16).
 - a. We know that we are using the Holy Spirit's power or help if we execute our spiritual duties with the f_____ of the Spirit (Gal 5:22,23).
 - b. We know that we are not using the Holy Spirit's power or help if we execute our spiritual duties with the fruit of the f_____ (Gal 5:19-21).

D. Examples

1. Parenting (Eph 6:4)
 - a. What not to do (your own power) – do not provoke your kids to a_____.
 - b. What to do (can't do it without the Holy Spirit) – raise them in the i_____ and discipline of the Lord.
 - c. Your part is the process; God's part is the results.
2. Finances (1 Tim 6:17; Matt 6:19,20)
 - a. What not to do (your own power) – store up for yourself t_____ things.
 - b. What to do (with the Holy Spirit's help) – store up for yourself e_____ things.
 - c. Your part is the process; God's part is the results.
3. Lost people (Matt 5:14-16)
 - a. What not to do (your own power) – hide your l_____.
 - b. What to do (with the Holy Spirit's help) – let your light s_____ in such a way that people will glorify God.

Conclusion:

- A. The Process - You do your part of carrying out God's divine assignments with the Holy Spirit's h_____.
- B. The Result – It is up to God how He will use it to impact e_____.