

Sermon notes

Guard the gospel by training others

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Intro: ever been handed something precious...?

Recap: there is one precious gospel that must be guarded... 1:12-14

1. ...So church leaders like Timothy must train faithful people who can teach this real gospel 2:1-2

2. And to stay faithful to this gospel, those leaders & trainees must be willing to endure the cost 2:3-7

- a. All 3: Enduring hardship now → for reward to come (1:8, 2:12)
- b. Soldier: single-minded, not distracted → to please King Jesus
- c. Athlete: disciplined, not shortcuts → to receive a crown
- d. Farmer: hard-working, not lazy → to share the harvest

3. Which is worth it when you remember Jesus, the RISEN KING 2:8-13

- a. Jesus endured suffering → then rose and reigned
- b. Paul endures suffering now → before eternal glory
- c. All Christians endure now (cf. 3:12) → before rising and reigning with Jesus

Conclusion: would you prefer a different message?