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How easy it is to be ashamed of the Gospel.

We have believed unto salvation.
Were we little baa lambs waiting to be cuddled?
or
were we evil satan lambs saved by the power of
God.
Power, Love, Self-control

St. Paul was entrusted.
St. Timothy was entrusted.
St. Paul wanted St. Timothy to entrust.
He want those to entrust yet again.

Why?
Soldiers, Athletes, Farmers

How to avoid being a self-righteous prig.

What to avoid.

What to do.

To what end?

2Ti 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I thank God whom I serve with a clear conscience, as did my fathers, when I remember you constantly in my prayers. 4 As I remember your tears, I long night and day to see you, that I may be filled with joy. 5 **I am reminded of your sincere faith**, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you. 6 **Hence I remind you** to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; 7 for God did not give us a **spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control**. 8 **Do not be ashamed then** of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, 10 and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, 12 and therefore I suffer as I do. **But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me**. 13 Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; 14 **guard the truth that has been entrusted to you** by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. 15 You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygelus and Hermogenes. 16 May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, 17 but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me - 18 may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day - and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus. 2:1 You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and **what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also**. 3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. 5 An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6 It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. 7 Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. 8 **Remember Jesus Christ**, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, 9 the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory. 11 The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; 12 if we endure, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself. 14 **Remind them of this, and charge them before the Lord to avoid disputing about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers**. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 16 Avoid such godless chatter, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, 17 and their talk will eat its way like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 who have swerved from the truth by holding that the resurrection is past already. They are upsetting the faith of some. 19 **But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let every one who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."** 20 In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and earthenware, and some for noble use, some for ignoble. 21 If any one purifies himself from what is ignoble, then he will be a vessel for noble use, consecrated and useful to the master of the house, ready for any good work. 22 **So shun youthful passions and aim at righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call upon the Lord from a pure heart**. 23 Have nothing to do with stupid, senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to every one, an apt teacher, forbearing, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth, 26 and they may escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

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But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.
II Timothy 1:12