

Hold Fast – Cont.

Five divine directives.

#1: vs 6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God,

#2: vs 8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord,

#3: vs 8 but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel

#4: Vs 13 “Hold fast the form of sound words.

#5: Vs 14

Keep the Good Thing.

1. There is a _____ that we must keep.

- There was a deposit that must be kept.
The good “thing which was committed unto thee” = “_____ deposit” = (in vs 12, “*that which I have committed unto him*”)

KEEP. This is the same word used in vs 12.

KEY: Jesus is able to KEEP what is committed to Him. **Vs 12**

We must do _____ and follow His _____.

What IS serving child of God to keep? *Compare 1 Timothy 1:11; 6:20–21*

- The glorious _____ had been committed to Timothy! He was to keep the faith.
2 Timothy 2:2
The believer serves as an ambassador of Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:17–20**
- The lost world does NOT want to hear the truth.
- This is such grave responsibility... **How do I fulfill these last two directives?**
In vs 13, “*in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus*” **Vs 13b.**
KEY: YOU can’t do it. Not in the power of your flesh! You will fail.

2. There are _____ that are “turned away.” Vs 15

They walked away from the life of ministry that they were called to. They didn’t finish well.

- **KEY:** Know that if you keep the faith, you will _____ some that you are _____
- Onesiphorus was able to stay on target when all Asia turned away from Paul and his principals! **Vs 16-18**
Why is Paul praying for mercy for this brother?
The believer in Jesus Christ no longer needs mercy for salvation. Why? **Ephesians 2:4–9**
- **Vs 16** shows the need of God’s mercy in the life of the believer for their _____!
- As servants of Jesus Christ, looking for the MERCY of God keeps an _____ focus related to our future.

- A focus on the return of Christ and His judgment seat functions to keep us living to position us to receive mercy at the judgment seat of Christ.
1 Corinthians 3:13–15; 2 Corinthians 5:10
- **Vs 14:** How do we keep what is committed to us? **Zechariah 4:6**

The Holy Ghost - You can't feel him. But you can know that He is there in you because the Bible says so. **1 Corinthians 6:19**

KEY: You cannot KEEP the faith in the power of the flesh. **Romans 8:13**

Example of a worst-case scenario. Acts 7:54–57

You will encounter the lost and the hopeless.

Will you respond in the power of the flesh? **Romans 8:13** says that the results are death.

OR

Will you rely on the Spirit of God, that the Bible says indwells you if you are saved? **Romans 8:11**