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# GUARDIANS

A STUDY OF 1 TIMOTHY & 2 TIMOTHY

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**Big Idea:** The command to remain invites us to see the potential where we are and live with God where we are. Lasting fruit comes from lasting presence.

**Key Scriptures:** 1 Timothy 1; 4:14; 1 Corinthians 7:17-24; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.

These questions are drawn from the Companion Guide accompanying this series, available to download from

<https://www.centralholland.org/current-series>

1. To guard the Gospel, Christians must want God to guard them. Which part of yourself have you thought you could hold back instead of being fully 'all in', set apart for Christ?

2. Read verse 3. How easy is it for you to remain where God has planted you? What tendencies in your own life make it easier to walk away than stand firm?

3. Read verse 5. What situations make it difficult for you to love?

4. Read verse 12. In what aspects of your walk with Christ have you particularly struggled with faithfulness? Is it in talking with others one-on-one? Confronting sin? Dealing with finances?

5. Read verses 15-17. What about Christ's nature needs more attention in your life right now?

6. Paul uses his own example to show that transformed sinners become convincing witnesses for Christ. We may be limited, but God is not. Share a time when God showed His unlimited power to use you as a convincing witness. What is the lasting lesson from that experience?

7. Read verse 18 and 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. You may not like war, but we are in one, charged with waging war. Leaders for Jesus Christ are in a war for the hearts and minds of people. How do we best wage such war?

8. Where do you see opposition to the gospel affecting our church family?