

Life in Community Series
A Cautious Community
1 Timothy 6:20-21

- I. Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You
 - A. What is that?
 - 1. In essence – The Gospel
 - 2. Timothy is called (as are we) to proclaim and live the gospel – making much of Jesus and regularly being transformed into His image and likeness
 - B. Why is it important to guard it?
 - 1. Because THIS IS LIFE!
 - 2. Everything else is vying for His “first-place” position in our lives
- II. How Do We Do This?
 - A. Avoiding worldly and empty chatter
 - 1. Worldly – godless and profane
 - 2. Empty – talking the way fools talk; talking with a mirk on your face
 - B. Avoiding opposing arguments of what is falsely called knowledge
 - 1. Our word “antithesis” comes from this
 - 2. Its meaning here is that which is logically inconsistent or in direct contradiction to what is true
 - C. Why are these things harmful?
 - 1. Because they reflect the absence of Jesus
 - 2. They stand against wisdom
- III. What This Might Look Like
 - A. Keep the focus on Jesus and key doctrinal issues of concern (1 Timothy 4:6-7) **Disclaimer

- B. Avoid people who have time and again shown a lack of humble teachability and an unwillingness to settle in on the transforming truth of the gospel (2 Timothy 3:1-9)
- C. Keep preaching, teaching, and doing what is the main, true thing: Jesus Christ; Him crucified and risen – (2 Timothy 4:1-5)