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- 1:6-12 – Paul has spoken to Timothy on a personal basis using himself (Paul) and his current situation (Mamertine Prison and persecution) as a reference to direct and encourage Timothy in his personal ministry.
- 1:13-14 – Now in these next two verses Paul focuses on the importance of Timothy holding on to the Word of God for in his personal life and in his presentation of the Gospel.
  - This is because Timothy (and, Paul) are surrounded with false believers and false teaching that they must stand against and be exposed to.
  - Paul had provided Timothy a “pattern” of sound teaching that Timothy could follow as a:
    - Teacher, publicly
    - Believer, privately

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5296 [e]	2192 [e]	5198 [e]	3056 [e]	3739 [e]	3844 [e]	1473 [e]
Hypotypōsin	eche	hygiainontōn	logōn	hōn	par'	emou
13 Ὑποτύπωσιν	ἔχε	ὑγιαίνοντων	λόγων ,	ῶν	παρ'	ἐμοῦ
[The] pattern	retain	of sound	words	which	from	me
N-AFS	V-PMA-2S	V-PPA-GMP	N-GMP	RelPro-GMP	Prep	PPro-G1S

191 [e]	1722 [e]	4102 [e]	2532 [e]	26 [e]	3588 [e]	1722 [e]	5547 [e]	2424 [e]
ēkousas	en	pistei	kai	agapē	tē	en	Christō	lēsou
ἤκουσας ,	ἐν	πίστει	καὶ	ἀγάπῃ	τῇ	ἐν	Χριστῷ	Ἰησοῦ .
you did hear	in	[the] faith	and	love	that [are]	in	Christ	Jesus
V-AIA-2S	Prep	N-DFS	Conj	N-DFS	Art-DFS	Prep	N-DMS	N-DMS

1. Imperative #1 – “Keep as a pattern of sound teaching you heard in my words”
2. Literally this says “hold an example of sound words” which would seem to mean that Timothy is to use Paul’s teaching as a guide, or better, an exact model of his teaching. The problem again being that at that time and after Paul leaves other teachings and ideas will be presented in place of the True revelation from God.
3. “Pattern” means “example or “standard”
  - a. Same word (**hypotypōsin**) used n 1 Timothy 1:16 – “I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an **example** to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.”
  - b. Notice, Paul does not leave Timothy a creed or a formula, but the Truth in the revelation God had given to Paul. Timothy doesn’t have to become like Paul in personality, but he does have to hold to the “pattern”, “example”, the “standard” of Paul’s teaching/doctrine.

4. "Sound words" or "Sound teaching"
  - a. "sound" is *hugiaino* /hoog-ee-ah-ee-no/ meaning "healthy" and "to be sound". *Hugiaino* is translated as "well", "good health", "right", "reasonable", "sound", "pure" "uncorrupted"
  - b. "words" or "teaching" is *logos* meaning "a word", "an idea", "a statement", "a speech". It is used to refer to all of these including "a divine utterance."
5. "have heard from me"
  - a. This phrase also appears in 2:2; 3:10 and in 1 Tim. 4:6 when used when Paul's teaching is compared to the false teaching of the false teachers.
    - i. 2 Tim. 2:2 – "and what (*ha*-"the things which") you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.
    - ii. 2 Tim. 3:10 – "You, however, have followed my teaching (*didaskalia*), my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness,"
    - iii. 1 Tim. 4:6 – "If you put these things before the brothers, and you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words (*logois*) of the faith and of the good doctrine (*didaskalias*, "teaching") that you have followed."
6. "in faith and love"
  - a. This "faith" and "love" appear to refer to Timothy's "faith" and "love"
    - i. "faith" notice the article "the" is added in the English to say "the faith". The difference being:
      1. "faith" refers to Timothy's faith. This matches the next word "love" as referring to Timothy's character or spiritual fruit of "love."
      2. "the faith" refers to the body of Truth that makes up the doctrines of the Christian faith, or "the faith".
    - ii. This "faith" and "love" of Timothy are the grounds, or the character, from which he presents his teaching. Timothy is to teach in faith and love.
    - iii. Both of these characteristics come from Timothy's union with Jesus Christ. They are spiritual fruit.
    - iv. This could also be saying that Timothy is to model Paul's teaching (or, Jesus) in two ways:
      1. Doctrine - Timothy's teaching, which is to follow Paul's pattern of doctrine, words.
      2. Character - Timothy's character, which is to model the nature of God which was seen in Jesus and Paul, faith and love.
  - b. POINT: How Timothy maintained his True teaching is as important as the content of Timothy's teaching. Both are important.
    - i. you cannot sacrifice character for Truth
    - ii. you cannot sacrifice the Truth for some particular "Christian" character.

2 Timothy 1:14 – **"By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you."**

3588 [e]	2570 [e]	3866 [e]	5442 [e]	1223 [e]	4151 [e]	40 [e]
tēn	kalēn	parathēkēn	phylaxon	dia	Pneumatōs	Hagiou
14 τὴν	καλὴν	παραθήκην	φύλαξον ,	διὰ	Πνεύματος	Ἁγίου ,
The	good	deposit entrusted [to you]	keep	by	[the] Spirit	Holy
Art-AFS	Adj-AFS	N-AFS	V-AMA-2S	Prep	N-GNS	Adj-GNS

3588 [e]	1774 [e]	1722 [e]	1473 [e]
tou	enoikountos	en	hēmin
τοῦ	ἐνοικοῦντος	ἐν	ἡμῖν .
the [One]	dwelling	in	us
Art-GNS	V-PPA-GNS	Prep	PPro-D1P

1. The second imperative – “guard the good deposit entrusted to you”
2. “guard the good deposit entrusted to you.”
  - a. This is also heard in exactly the same words in 1 Timothy 6:20-21 – “O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. (**paratheken phylaxon** “the deposit committed to you guard”) Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.”
  - b. “Guard” the deposit would mean Timothy cannot let the True apostolic teaching be eroded away by the false teachers.
3. “By the Holy Spirit”
  - a. In 1:13 – Timothy’s union with Jesus Christ was the source of his faith and love
  - b. In 1:14 – Timothy being indwelt with the Holy Spirit was the source of his ability to guard the Truth
4. “who dwells within us”
  - a. Neither Paul nor Timothy could guard the Truth in their personal lives or in the public presentation without being indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
  - b. Mere man cannot protect the Truth any more than mere man can live the Truth.

Next:

- Paul will give Timothy some example of people who kept the good deposit in their lives and in their teaching.
- And, Paul will give Timothy some of those who failed to keep the good deposit in their teaching and in their living.