

## Handling Treasure, Part 2

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### I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 1 Timothy 6:20-21.
- B. The bottom line for choosing a church should be their handling the Word of God.
- C. God wants someone who trembles at His Word. (Psalm 119:161, Isaiah 66)
- D. The Word is a trust that we must preserve.
- E. We are to preserve the Word. (2 Corinthians 2:17, Deuteronomy 4:2, Revelation 22:18-19, Jude 3)

### II. The severest crime against God is to mishandle His Word.

### III. Faith is to be held onto because it is the content of Christian truth. (1 Timothy 2:7)

- A. Timothy was to guard himself against false teaching.
- B. He was to guard the truth.
- C. The pastors and elders were honored doubly for teaching the truth.
- D. The heart and soul of ministry is guarding the truth. (Romans 3)
- E. The question that all will be known for is whether they kept the truth.
- F. The goal of the man is to fight for, seek and teach the truth. (Titus 1:9)
- G. The believer is to steer clear from error.
- H. At issue is how we handle the truth. (2 Peter 2:2)

### IV. Response.

- A. Believe the Word of God.
- B. Honor it. (Job 23:12)
- C. Study it.
- D. Obey it. (John 8:31)
- E. Love it. (Psalm 119:197, 19)
- F. Defend it.
- G. Proclaim it.

**Application Questions:**

1. In what ways do many churches fail in their faithfulness towards Scripture?

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2. How do subjective and unclear matters play into the conversation about Scriptural faithfulness?

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3. In what ways are we called to defend the Word publicly and privately? Explain.

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