



Group Discussion and Application

1. What image comes to your mind when you hear the word "guard"?
What are some of the actions you associate with guarding something?
2. What types of attacks on the truth of the gospel do we experience in our day?
3. What practical steps can we take to protect ourselves from false teaching?
4. What does it mean to *avoid* false teaching?
How can we avoid (turn away from) false teaching without forsaking our active defense of the truth from opposition?
5. In addition to avoiding false teaching, how do we guard the gospel truth?
What are our individual responsibilities?
What are our corporate responsibilities as a congregation?
What role do pastors/elders have in guarding the truth?
6. Evaluate our church's efforts to guard the truth? What more might we do?
7. What does the word "grace" mean to you personally?
8. Glance back over the letter of 1 Timothy. What are some of the important lessons you learned and applications you made from our studies?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. What is your own relationship to the truth of the gospel of Christ?
Have you personally experienced the grace of God in Christ by faith?
2. What must you do personally to avoid false teaching, defend the truth of God's Word and stand firm in the faith?



Family Homework

Re-read 1 Timothy as part of your family worship this week. Make a list of some of the important lessons you have learned from our study of this letter. What has been the most important life-application for you personally?



"That's a Wrap!"

1 Timothy 6:20-21

The Apostle Paul concludes his first letter to Timothy with...

1

A personal _____.

2

A summary _____.

3

A confident _____.