

## 2 Timothy

### Keeping the Faith

### *Don't Mess with the Message*

**INTRO:** *Timothy was under pressure to compromise his message due to Roman persecution and the corrupting influence of pagan teachers. Paul issued two commands to his protegee with motivational resources for the fulfillment of both. These commands are as pertinent **now** as they were **then**.*

**I. Jesus revealed \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_ who transmitted it to the \_\_\_\_\_.** *Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would call to remembrance His Words (John 16:13). What the Apostles then wrote to the Church was **inspired** (God-breathed).*

**II. Pressure to \_\_\_\_\_ or to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ tempts Believers to alter \_\_\_\_\_.** *God's Word (absolute Truth) has never been, nor will it ever be, popular with the World (Cf. John 15:18-20; James 4:4).*

**III. Follow the pattern of righteous \_\_\_\_\_ taught by the \_\_\_\_\_, and guard the treasured \_\_\_\_\_ entrusted by \_\_\_\_\_ (1:13-14).** *But how is this possible?*

**A.** \_\_\_\_\_ in, and \_\_\_\_\_ for, Jesus motivates us to live \_\_\_\_\_. *We **trust** (faith) that God knows what is best. Our **love** for Jesus defines us (John 14:15).*

**B.** The indwelling \_\_\_\_\_ enables us to guard the \_\_\_\_\_. *We value the Gospel (2 Cor. 4:7) and God's Spirit is the ultimate resource to keep it pure.*