

GUARDING THE GATES 1 Timothy 6:11-21

“God has entrusted us with his most precious treasure - people. He asks us to shepherd and mold them into strong disciples, with brave faith and good character”

Turning From – Turning Toward (6:11-16)

Turning away from our old way of thinking always leaves a vacuum.

Healthy godly living always involves active pursuit of godly traits.

Active growth always battles in the present even as it looks toward the future. (1 Corinthians 15:19)

Maintaining Godly Perspective on Wealth and Its Value (6:17-19)

Godly living enables to enjoy material blessing without idolizing it.

God's perspective enables us to use material goods to love God, to love his work, and to love his people.

Guarding the Gate (6:20-21)

Posting a guard means there's a dangerous threat to be guarded against.

- Doctrinal priority and purity
- Spiritual fervor and moral goodness
- Ethical behavior and unimpeachable actions

Posting the sentry against

Godless chatter – speculation over insignificant issues.

Opposing ideas – integration of ideas from godless sources.

False knowledge – ideas that sound appealing but have enough error to invalidate its worth