

“Be The Guardian”

“...guard what God has entrusted to you...”

1 Timothy 6:20a

1 Timothy Chapter 6

1. The **quality** of your relationships is an indication of your heart. (1 Tim 6:3-5)
 1. In your relationships, do you **accept** or **contribute**:
 1. **Envy**
 2. **Strife** - angry or bitter disagreement over fundamental issues; conflict
 3. **Constant friction**

2. The **content** of your speech is an indication of your heart. (1 Tim 6:3-5;20-21)
 1. Does your speech include
 1. **Arguments** over words
 2. **Malicious** (intending or intended to do harm) talk
 3. **Evil** suspicions

Proverbs 17:4

 1. There is **NEVER** a place for gossip in the Body of Christ
 4. **Constant friction**

Matt 12:34

 1. Out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks (tweets)

3. The **object** of your love is an indication of your heart: (the love of **money** led to **Jesus' death**) (1 Tim. 6:6-10;17-19)
 1. Matt 6:21, 24
 1. Money - **Trap** or **Tool**

Trap:

 - Tithing sounds like (God) “taking”

- You **spend** more than you **make** or
- Your **wants** outrun your **needs** every month
- You think of what you could get more than you attempt to give it away
- When **stewardship** becomes **ownership**, you start sinking

Tool:

You can say no to purchases
 You use it to bless/benefit others
 View offering as “get to give”

4. The **passions** you **pursue** shape your heart. (1 Tim. 6:11-12)
 1. Righteousness
 2. Godliness
 3. Faith
 4. Love
 5. Endurance
 6. Gentleness

5. What has been **entrusted** to you?
 1. Salvation
 2. Relationships
 3. Faith
 4. Breath (speech)
 5. Influence/Leadership

6. To **guard** your **heart**,
 1. Hold fast to the truth - insist
 2. You can't get around **spiritual disciplines**
 3. Examine your use of **words**
 4. Examine your use of **money**
 5. Examine your **pursuits**
 6. **Adjust** accordingly

Questions for Reflection

- Do my relationships need repairing or replicated?
- Does my speech construct or destruct?
- Do I treat money like it's mine or God entrusts it to me?
- Do my actions say Thy Kingdom Come or my kingdom come?