

THE BOOK OF 1 TIMOTHY

“Guard The Faith”
(1 Timothy 6:20,21)

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1 Timothy 6:20–21 (NKJV)

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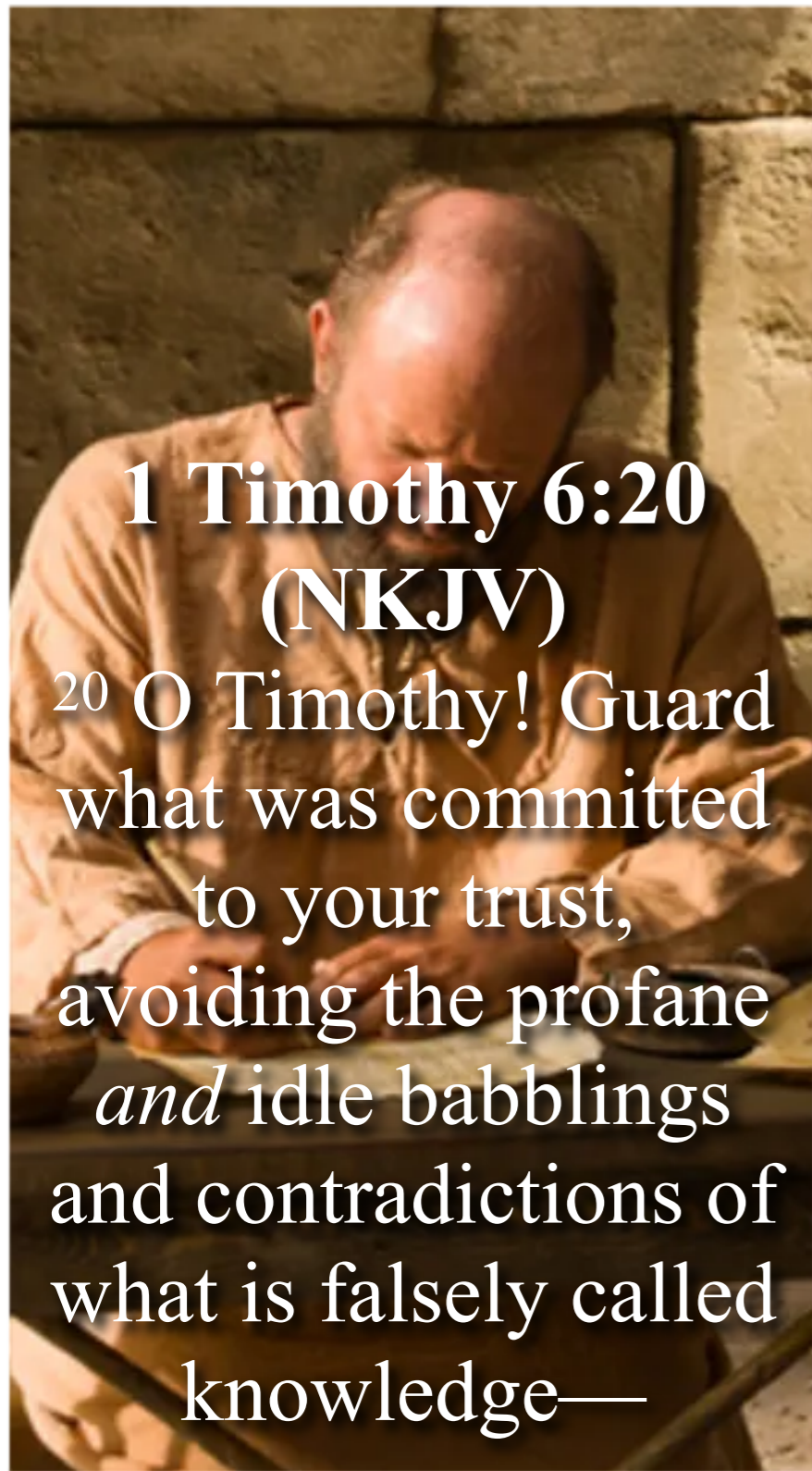
1 Timothy 1:3–4 (NKJV)

³ As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, ⁴ nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.

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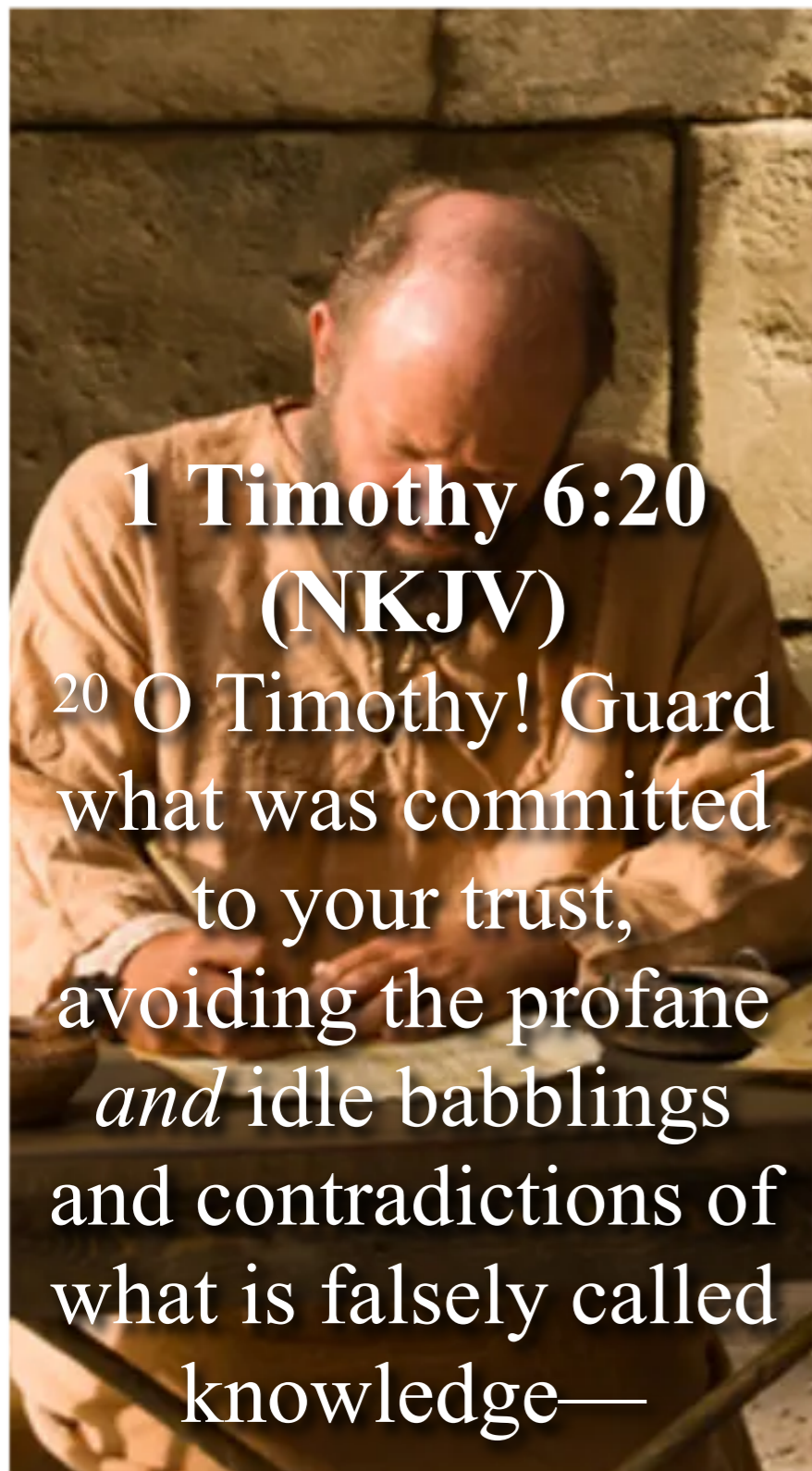
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■ “GUARD WHAT WAS COMMITTED TO YOUR TRUST” (20)

- ▶ **GUARD** : (phulassō) means “to keep / to preserve”
- ▶ **WHAT WAS COMMITTED** : God’s truth, the gospel (2 Timothy 2:2),
 - * Timothy is expected to guard this truth, that is, preach it faithfully without any addition or subtraction (2 Timothy 4:2).
 - * Do we feel the same responsibility to guard God’s truth? (Proverbs 23:23).

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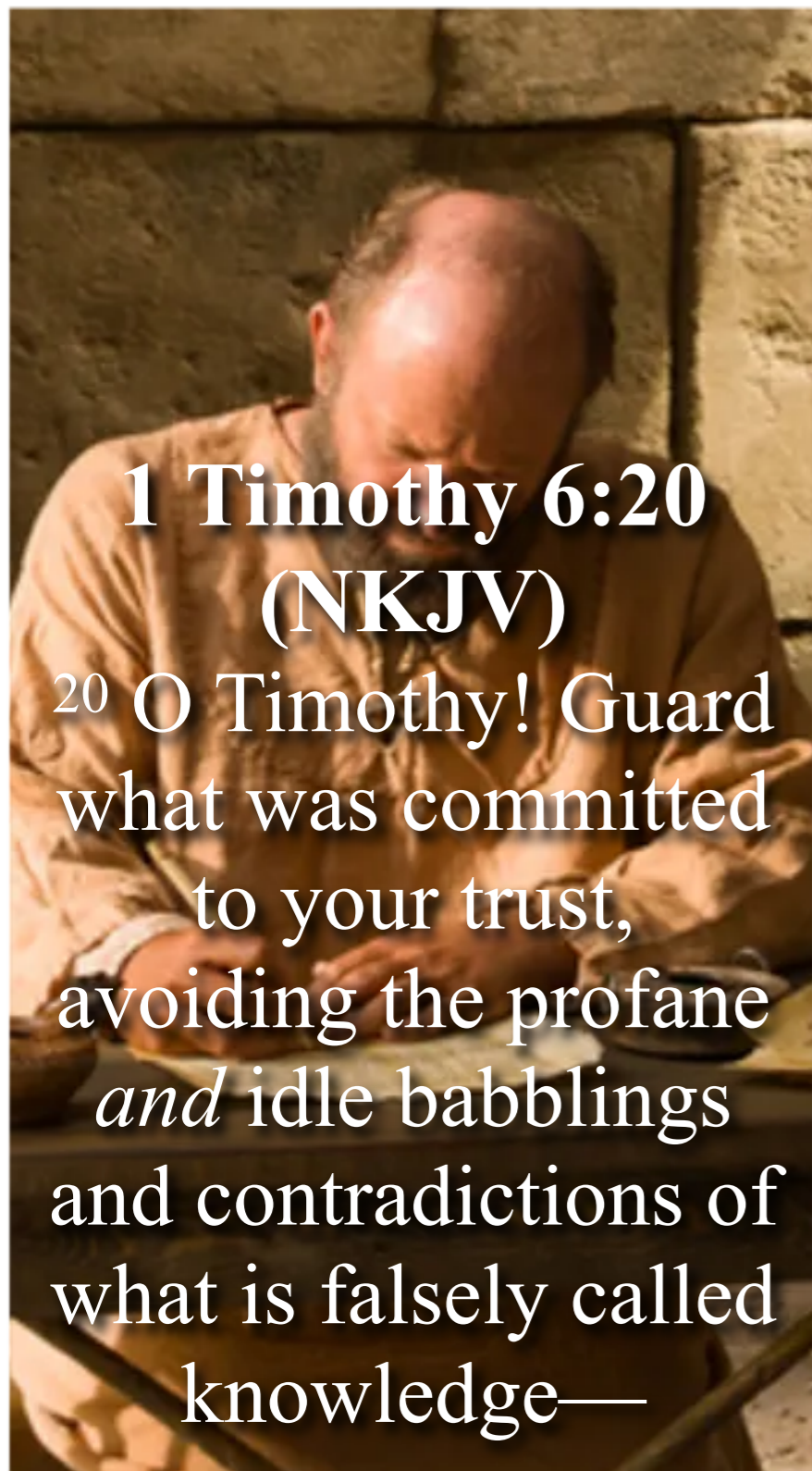
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✳ “Teach no other doctrine” (1:3)

✳ “This charge I commit to you ... wage the good warfare, ¹⁹ having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck,” (1:18-20)

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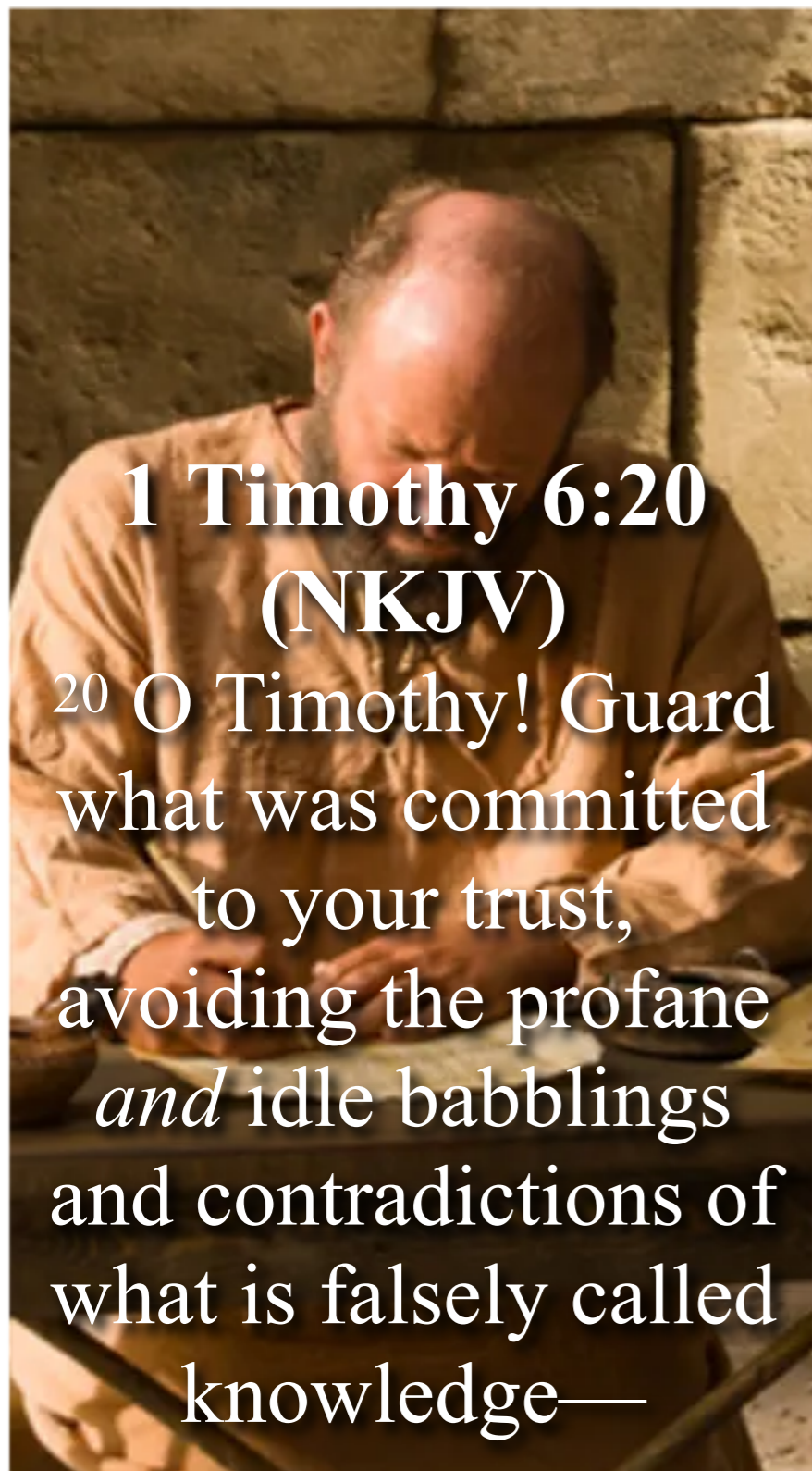


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✳ “If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.” (4:6)

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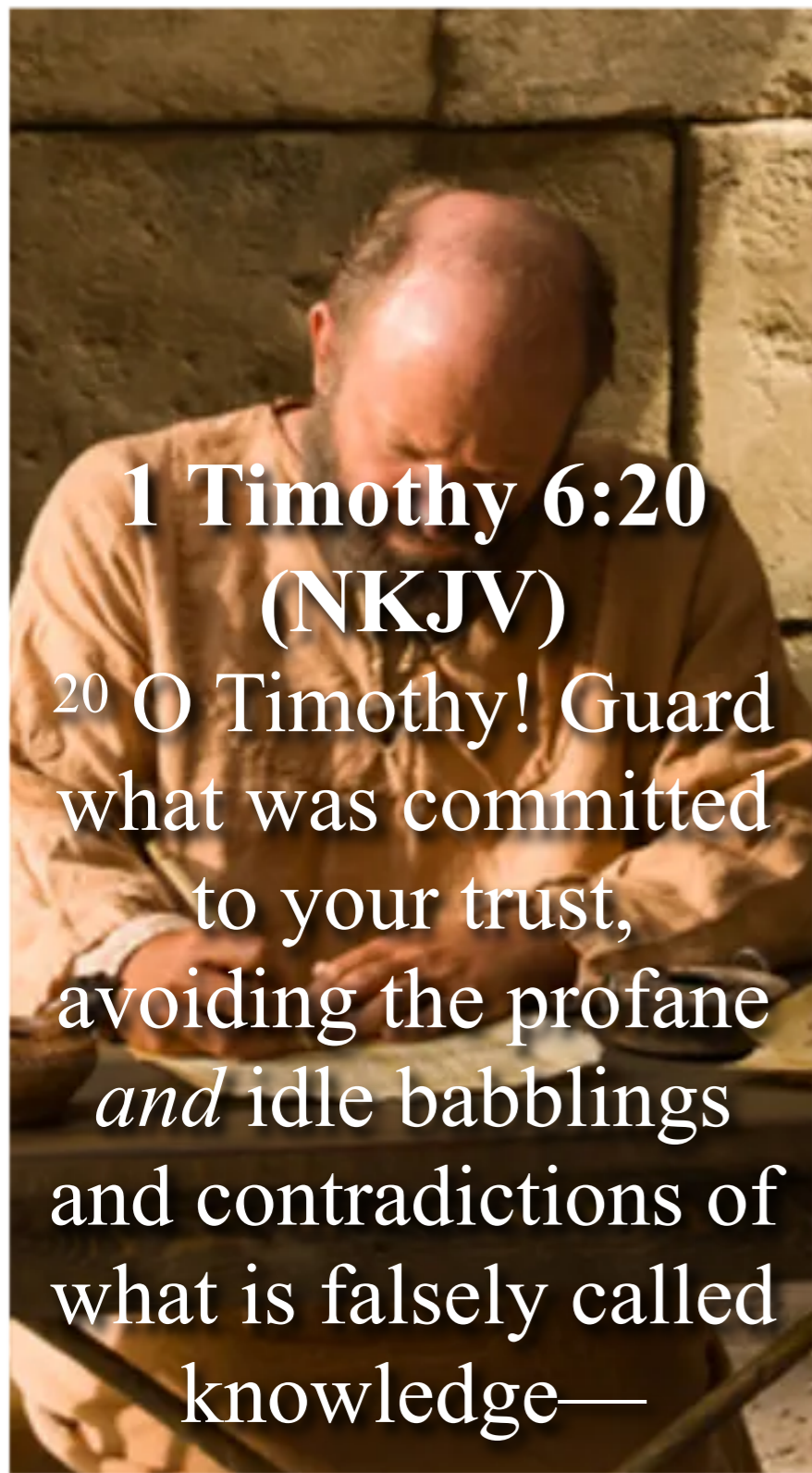
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✳ “Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.” (4:16)

✳ 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life (6:12)

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**1 Timothy 6:20
(NKJV)**

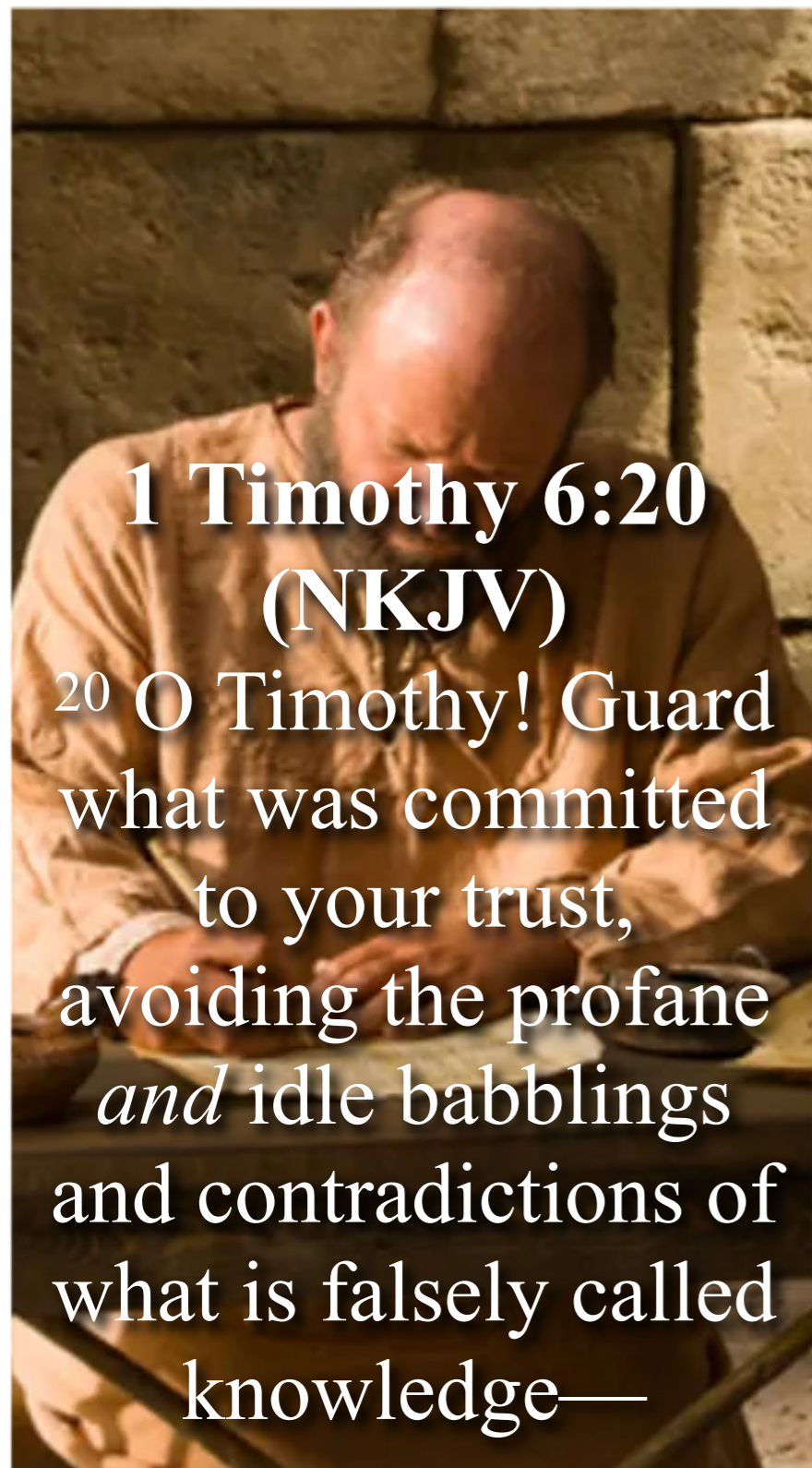
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2 Timothy 4:1–2 (NKJV)

¹ I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: ² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

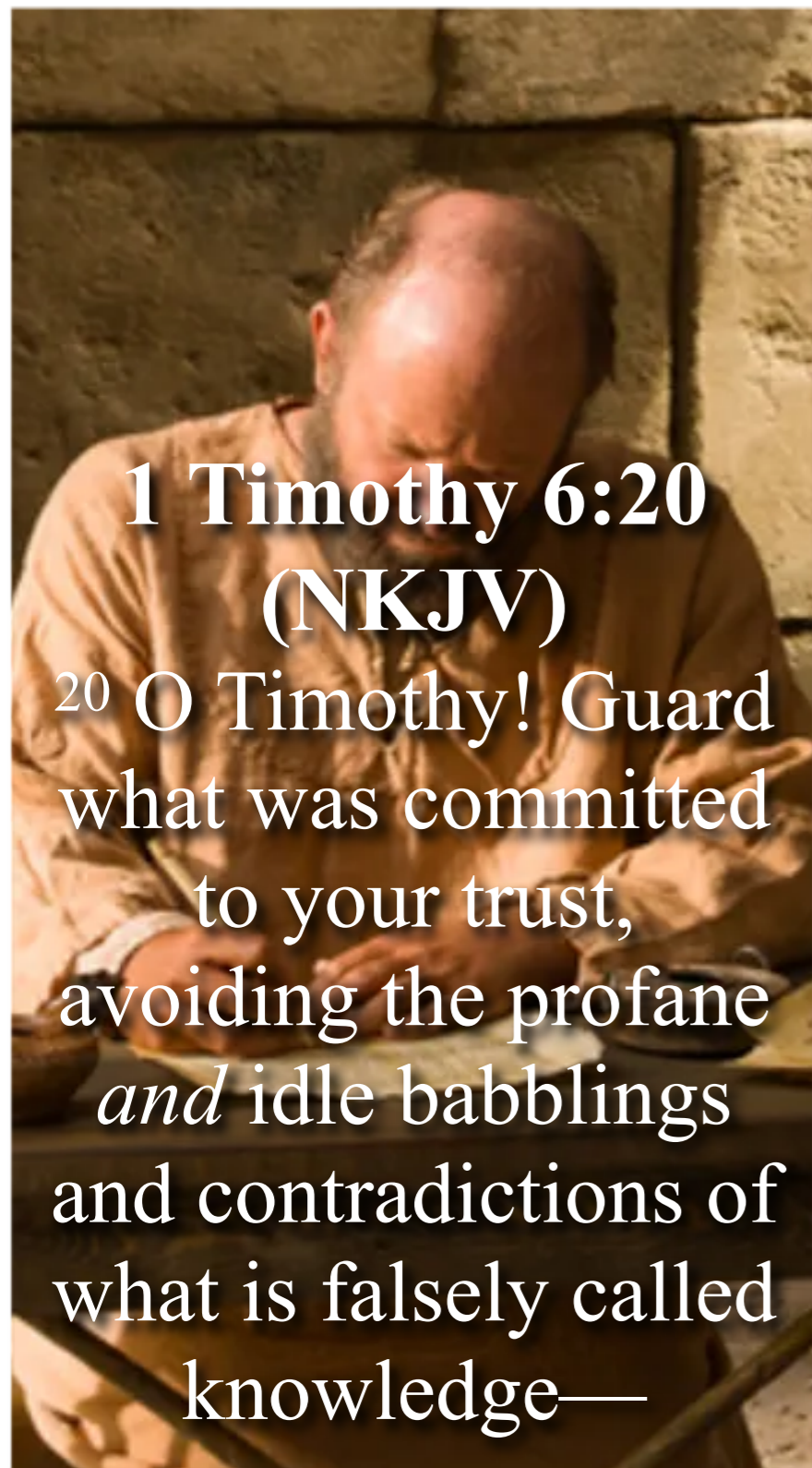
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■ “AVOIDING THE PROFANE & IDLE BABBLINGS & CONTRADICTIONS” (20)

- ▶ **AVOIDING** : The tense here is present, he must continue to avoid using such things. (6:3-5; Rom. 1:16)
- ▶ **PROFANE** : “of the world, of the earth, ungodly” (1:9; Heb. 12:16)
- ▶ **IDLE BABBLINGS** : “(kenophōnia) “empty voices” / Arguments with no real content” (Reese p. 303)
- ▶ **CONTRADICTIONS** : a statement which is in direct contradiction or is logically inconsistent with the truth of God’s word.

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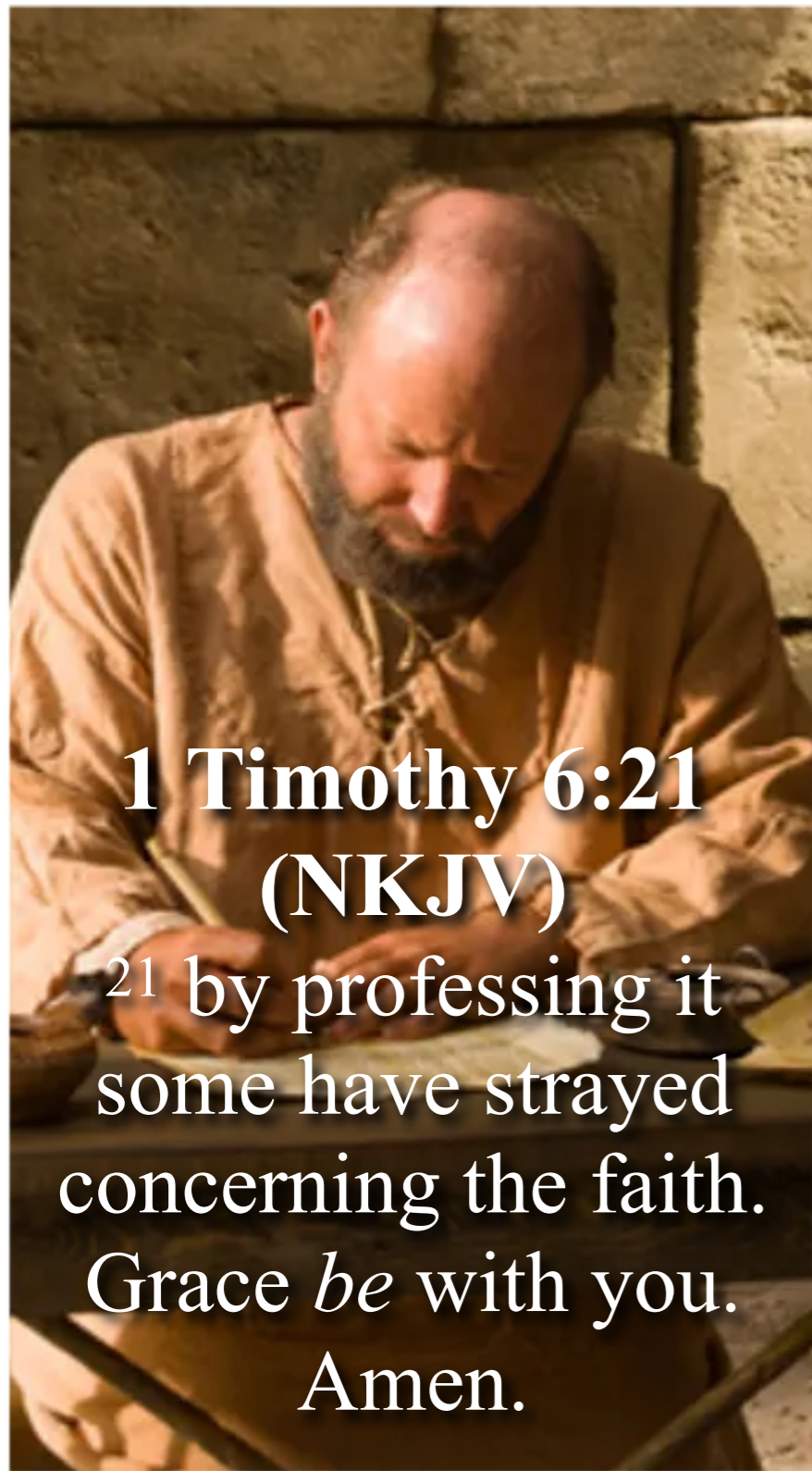
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“WHAT IS FALSELY CALLED KNOWLEDGE” (20)

- ▶ **FALSE KNOWLEDGE** : gnosis (γνῶσις, 1108), primarily “a seeking to know, an enquiry, investigation”
- ▶ Those who advocate error often claim their error is the true enlightened knowledge from God.
- ▶ It is nothing new for someone to claim that they have a superior knowledge, but it is NOT TRUE knowledge if it differs from what is revealed in the Bible. (Ro. 1:22. 1 Co. 1:19–23; 2:6; 3:19. Col. 2:8, 18)

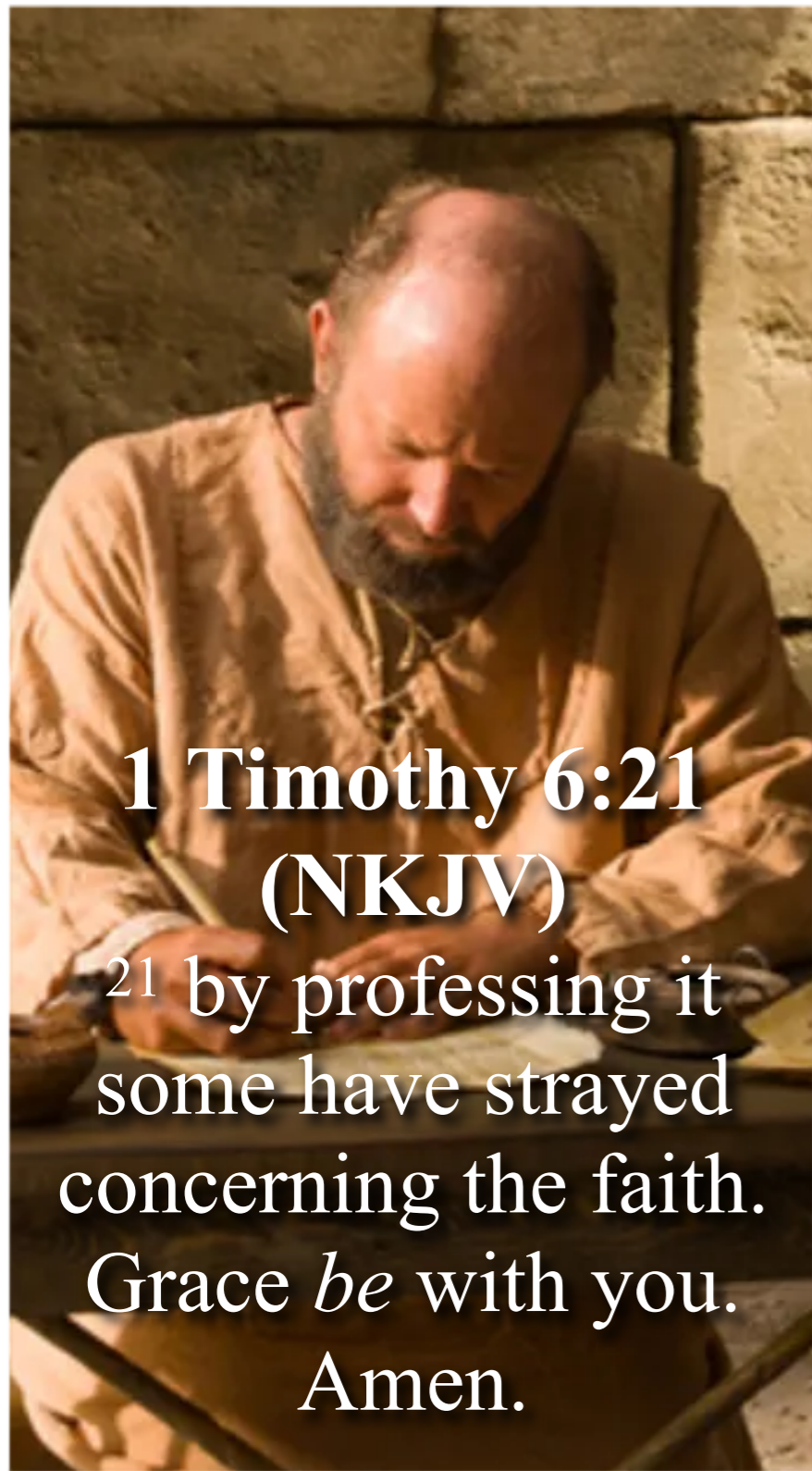
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■ “SOME HAVE STRAYED CONCERNING THE FAITH” (21)

- ▶ **BY PROFESSING IT SOME HAVE STRAYED** : The danger of people professing such false-knowledge is that it had led some Christians away from the faith. (Such had actually happened in Ephesus to some of the members) (Acts 20:29-31; 1:6,7,19,20; cf. Titus 1:14)
- ▶ **CONCERNING THE FAITH** : faith is used in the objective sense, meaning the gospel (Acts 6:7; Jude 3; cf. 1:6, 7; 6:10).

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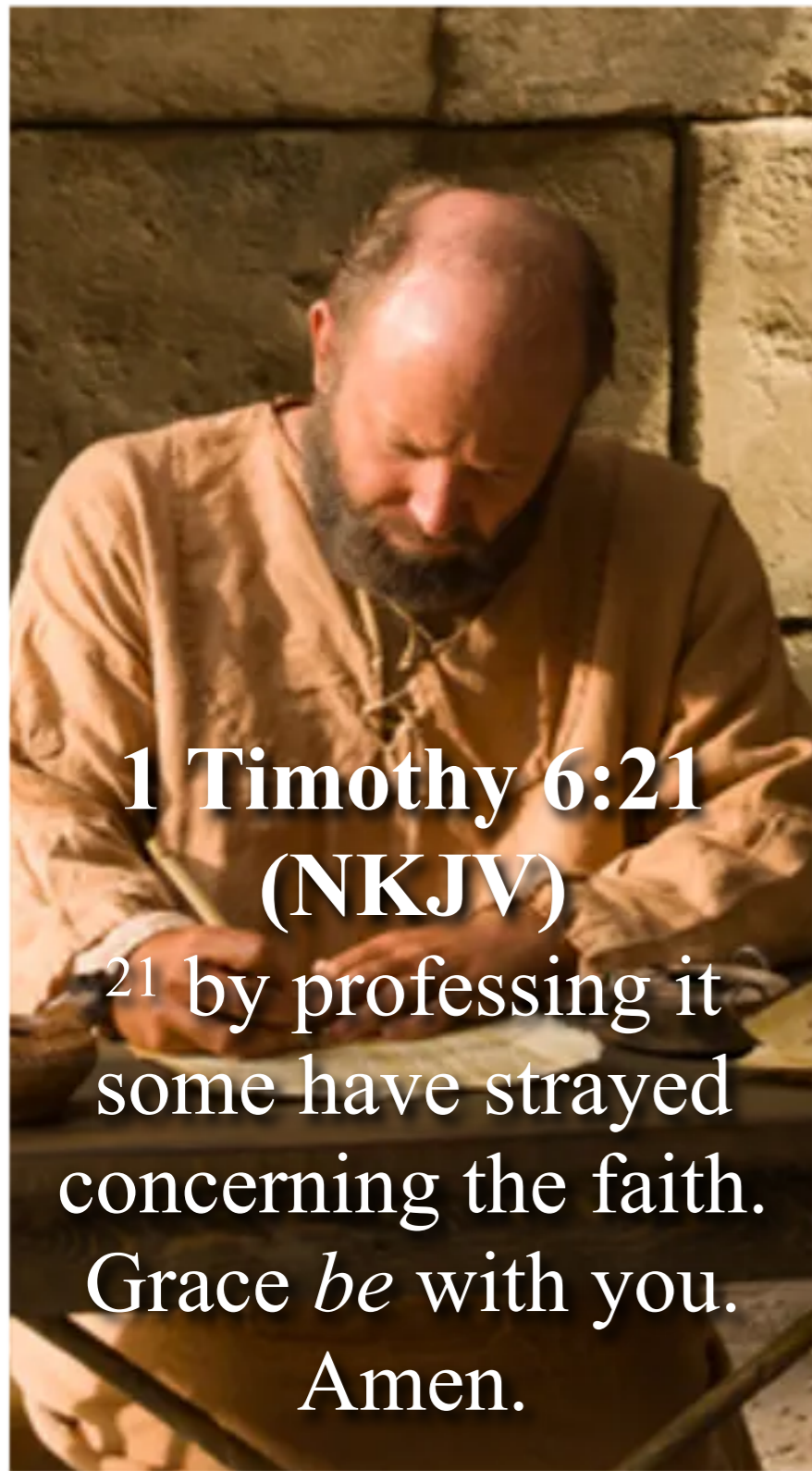
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■ “GRACE BE WITH YOU. AMEN.” (21)

- ▶ Paul’s benediction, “**grace be with you**” is brief, but not uncommon (cf. Gal. 6:18; 2 Tim. 4:22; Titus 3:15).
- ▶ “This benediction may be brief, but it is rich in meaning, for grace (all the help that God can give a man) is the greatest blessing of all. With that help, Timothy can carry out all the charges given in this epistle” (Reese p. 306).

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- ▶ God has provided us with everything we need to “guard the faith” as well.
 - * — We can know the truth
 - * — We can recognize error
 - * — We can use the truth to expose error —
- ▶ We too must avoid the temptation to incorporate worldly wisdom and human philosophies into the gospel message, or into our strategies and work as God’s people.

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ARE WE GUARDING THE FAITH?

SUCH DUTY FALLS UPON
ALL WHO FOLLOW CHRIST!

WE MUST TEACH IT!

WE MUST DEFEND IT!

WE MUST PRACTICE IT!

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