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1 Timothy 6:20-21 (NIV)

Use Your Gifts

I know that you have given gifts, talents, and abilities to me. My gifts, talents and abilities have been entrusted to my care. They are not to be misused. They are not to be left unused. What a waste that would be. What a tragedy it would be to one day report to you that I had never used the gifts, talents and abilities that you gave to me. **That would be a tragedy. I know you won't allow that to happen to you. You want to bear fruit for my kingdom. You want to bring glory to my name.** Yes, that is the desire of my heart. I want nothing more or nothing less than that. **That is very good.**

Let's talk about how someone might fail to use the gifts, talents, and abilities that I have given to them. How might that happen? How could that possibly occur? I think it would be possible for someone to either misuse or fail to use the gifts, talents and abilities that you have given to them. **Let's talk about each possibility.** Someone might misuse the gifts, talents and abilities by following the wisdom of the world. If they did that, their entire life would be completely off course. They most likely would pursue money and value things. They would chase after all that the world offered. They would invest their life in what would amount to nothing. They came into the world with nothing and they would leave the world with nothing. All their treasure would be stored up on earth. They would have no treasure stored up in heaven with you. They would have borne no fruit for your kingdom. They would have brought no glory to your name. This would be a godless and wasted life. **Yes, that's true.**

There is another negative possibility. **What's that?** It would be possible for someone to be so lazy and unmotivated that they never got around to discovering the gifts, talents and abilities you gave to them. They might not ever go where you guided them. They might never do what you asked of them. If they never stepped out in faith to serve you, they would never discover and use the gifts, talents and abilities that you gave to them. **No, they would not.** They certainly would never allow you to develop and shape their gifts, talents and abilities. **That's true.**

But, you are guarding the gifts, talents and abilities that I have given to you. You are not allowing your life to go off course. You are not lazy and unmotivated. You are willing to go where I guide you. You are willing to do whatever I ask of you. You are willing to fully use every gift, talent and ability I have given you to serve me. Yes, I am. **That is very good.**

Lord, thank you for the gifts, talents and abilities you have given to me. I will wisely and faithfully use all you have entrusted to my care so I can encourage others in their faith. Help me to bring back to you those who have foolishly wandered away from you. Amen

Character *Entrusted To Your Care*

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NIV 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Character *Entrusted To You*

O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge," for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.

ESV 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Character *Entrusted To You*

Timothy, guard what God has entrusted to you. Avoid godless, foolish discussions with those who oppose you with their so-called knowledge. Some people have wandered from the faith by following such foolishness. May God's grace be with you all.

NLT 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Character *Committed To Your Trust*

O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge--by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

NKJV 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Character *What Has Been Entrusted To You*

Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Avoid the profane chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge; by professing it some have missed the mark as regards the faith. Grace be with you.

NRSV 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Character *Guard The Treasure*

And oh, my dear Timothy, guard the treasure you were given! Guard it with your life. Avoid the talk-show religion and the practiced confusion of the so-called experts.

MSG 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Character *Entrusted To You*

O Timothy, guard and keep the deposit entrusted [to you]! Turn away from the irreverent babble and godless chatter, with the vain and empty and worldly phrases, and the subtleties and the contradictions in what is falsely called knowledge and spiritual illumination. [For] by making such profession some have erred (missed the mark) as regards the faith. Grace (divine favor and blessing) be with you all! Amen (so be it).

AMP 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Character *Entrusted To You*

Oh, Timothy, don't fail to do these things that God entrusted to you. Keep out of foolish arguments with those who boast of their "knowledge" and thus prove their lack of it. Some of these people have missed the most important thing in life—they don't know God. May God's mercy be upon you. Sincerely, Paul

TLB 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Character *Entrusted To You*

O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge"— which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith. Grace be with you.

NASB 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Character *Trusted To You*

Timothy, guard what God has trusted to you. Stay away from foolish, useless talk and from the arguments of what is falsely called "knowledge." By saying they have that "knowledge," some have missed the true faith. Grace be with you.

NCV 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Entrusted To Your Care

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Character – 1 Timothy 6:20-21

In Context: *Read 1 Timothy 6*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, thank you for the gifts, talents and abilities you have given to me. I will wisely and faithfully use all you have entrusted to my care so I can encourage others in their faith. Help me to bring back to you those who have foolishly wandered away from you. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What gifts, talents and abilities has God entrusted to your care and given you to use to serve Him?

Who has God entrusted to your care so that you can encourage and strengthen them in their faith?

When have you turned away from godless talk that was of no value?

When have you been able to identify and reject ideas that were falsely called knowledge?

What kind of conversations will waste your time and diminish your efforts in serving the Lord?

Who has been led astray and wandered away from the faith because of godless chatter and worldly knowledge?

How has God used you to bring back to Him those who have wandered away from the faith?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Wisely and faithfully use the gifts, talents and abilities entrusted to your care to encourage others in their faith.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that God has entrusted gifts, talents and abilities to your care to use to encourage others in their faith.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are using your gifts to encourage others in their faith.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May your use all that the Lord has entrusted to your care to minister to others.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will use all that you have entrusted to my care to minister to others.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to use what you have entrusted to my care to minister to others today?
