

## Keep the Faith – Part 2

### PART 1 - 2 Timothy 1:1-12

God's Commitment  
Determined Commitment  
Dedicated [*committed*] Commitment  
Desired Commitment  
Convincing Commitment  
Imposed [compulsory, forced] Commitment  
Opponents and Proponents of Commitment  
Powerful Commitment  
Predestinated Commitment  
Manifested Commitment  
Appointed Commitment  
Confident Commitment

Willing, common, sincere, burning, working, evidentiary, predestinated, apparent, shared...  
...and persuasive Faith

The artist uncommitted...  
...the artist committed!

Picasso

M.C. Escher

Rockwell

Gilbert Stewart (unfinished George Washington)

"I was drawn to painting in spite of my obvious lack of talent," he wrote, "if for no other reason than to defy my father, who insisted that I should give it up as a career and follow the numbers as he had. I did my best to meet him halfway."

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### A Clear Picture

#### 2 Timothy 1

<sup>13</sup> Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in **faith and love** which is in Christ Jesus.

Hold fast – [NT:2192](#) ἔχω **echo** (ekh'-o); including an alternate form **scheo** (skheh'-o); used in certain tenses only); a primary verb; to hold (used in very various applications, literally or figuratively, direct or remote; such as possessions; ability, continuity, relation, or condition):

**KJV** - be (able, <sup>x</sup>hold, possessed with), accompany, + begin to amend, can (+-not), <sup>x</sup>conceive, count, diseased, do + eat, + enjoy, + fear, following, have, hold, keep, + lack, + go to law, lie, + must needs, + of necessity, + need, next, + recover, + reign, + rest, + return, <sup>x</sup>sick, take for, + tremble, + uncircumcised, use.

Form – [NT:5296](#) ὑποτύπωσις **hupotuposis** (hoop-ot-oo'-o-sis); from a compound of [NT:5259](#) and a derivative of [NT:5179](#); typification under (after), i.e. (concretely) a **sketch** (figuratively) for imitation: **KJV** - form, pattern.

Typification – to have all or most of the characteristics of a particular type of person or thing and therefore be a suitable example of it

Sound – [NT:5198](#) ὑγιαίνω **hugiaino** (hoog-ee-ah'-ee-no); from [NT:5199](#); to have sound health, i.e. be well (in body); figuratively, to be uncorrupt (true in doctrine):

**KJV** - be in health, (be safe and) sound, (be) whole (-some).

...from – [NT:5199](#) ὑγιής **hugies** (hoog-ee-ace'); from the base of [NT:837](#); healthy, i.e. well (in body); figuratively, true (in doctrine): **KJV** - sound, whole.

*What picture are you drawing from...?*

*...and then, what picture are you drawing others to?*

*We should draw with pictures of...*

#### Romans 6

<sup>16</sup> Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, **his servants ye are to whom ye obey**; whether of **sin unto death**, or of **obedience unto righteousness**?

<sup>17</sup> But **God be thanked**, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that **form of doctrine** which was delivered you.

Form – [NT:5179](#) τυπώσις **tupos** (too'-pos); from [NT:5180](#); a die (as struck), i.e. (by implication) a stamp or scar; by analogy, a shape, i.e. a statue, (figuratively) style or resemblance; specifically, a sampler ("type"), i.e. a model (for imitation) or instance (for warning):

**KJV** - en- ex-) ample, fashion, figure, form, manner, pattern, print.

#### Proverbs 25

<sup>11</sup> A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in **pictures of silver**.

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### Clear instructions

#### Proverbs 4 ...instruction

<sup>13</sup> Take **fast hold of instruction**; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

Take fast hold – [OT:2388](#) **חָזַק** **chazaq** (khaw-zak'); a primitive root; to fasten upon; hence, to seize, be strong (figuratively, courageous, causatively strengthen, cure, help, repair, fortify), obstinate; to bind, restrain, conquer:

**KJV** - aid, amend, <sup>x</sup> calker, catch, cleave, confirm, be constant, constrain, continue, be of good (take) courage (-ous, -ly), encourage (self), be established, fasten, force, fortify, make hard, harden, help, (lay) hold (fast), lean, maintain, play the man, mend, become (wax) mighty, prevail, be recovered, repair, retain, seize, be (wax) sore, strengthen (self), be stout, be (make, shew, wax) strong (-er), be sure, take (hold), be urgent, behave self valiantly, withstand.

#### 1 Thessalonians 5 ...proven good things

<sup>21</sup> Prove all things; **hold fast** that which is good.

Prove – [NT:1381](#) δοκιμάζω **dokimazo** (dok-im-ad'-zo); from [NT:1384](#); to test (literally or figuratively); by implication, to approve:

**KJV** - allow, discern, examine, <sup>x</sup> like, (ap-) prove, try.

Hold fast – [NT:2722](#) κατέχω **katecho** (kat-ekh'-o); from [NT:2596](#) and [NT:2192](#); to hold down (fast), in various applications (literally or figuratively):

**KJV** - have, hold (fast), keep (in memory), let, <sup>x</sup> make toward, possess, retain, seize on, stay, take, withhold.

#### 2 Thessalonians 2 ...words and traditions

<sup>15</sup> Therefore, brethren, **stand fast**, and **hold the traditions** which ye have been taught, whether by word, or [if too] our epistle.

Stand fast – [NT:4739](#) στήκω **steko** (stay'-ko); from the perfect tense of [NT:2476](#); to be stationary, i.e. (figuratively) to persevere: **KJV** - stand (fast).

Hold – [NT:2902](#) κρατέω **krateo** (krat-eh'-o); from [NT:2904](#); to use strength, i.e. seize or retain (literally or figuratively):

**KJV** - hold (by, fast), keep, lay hand (hold) on, obtain, retain, take (by).

Traditions – [NT:3862](#) παράδοσις **paradosis** (par-ad'-os-is); from [NT:3860](#); transmission, i.e. (concretely) a precept; specifically, the Jewish traditionary law:

**KJV** - ordinance, tradition.

Epistle – [NT:1992](#) ἐπιστολή **epistole** (ep-is-tol-ay'); from [NT:1989](#); a written message: **KJV** - "epistle," letter.

...from – [NT:1989](#) ἐπιστέλλω **epistello** (ep-ee-stel'-lo); from [NT:1909](#) and [NT:4724](#); to enjoin (by writing), i.e. (genitive case) to communicate by letter (for any purpose): **KJV** - write (a letter, unto).

#### Titus 1 ...faithful Word

<sup>8</sup> But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

<sup>9</sup> **Holding fast the faithful word** as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to **exhort and to convince** the gainsayers.

<sup>10</sup> For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

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### Clearly Gifted

#### 2 Timothy 1

<sup>14</sup> That **good thing** which was committed unto thee **keep by the Holy Ghost** which dwelleth in us.

Committed – [NT:3866](#) παραθήκη **paratheke** (par-ath-ay'-kay); from [NT:3908](#); a deposit, i.e. (figuratively) trust: **KJV** - committed unto.

Keep – [NT:5442](#) φυλάσσω **phulasso** (foo-las'-so); probably from [NT:5443](#) through the idea of isolation; to watch, i.e. be on guard (literally of figuratively); by implication, to preserve, obey, avoid: **KJV** - beware, keep (self), observe, save. Compare [NT:5083](#).

#### James 1

<sup>17</sup> Every **good gift** and every **perfect gift** is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

#### Romans 6

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death; but the **gift of God** is **eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Ephesians 2

<sup>8</sup> For by grace are ye **saved through faith**; and **that not of yourselves**: it is the **gift of God**:

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### Clear Example

*What should happen if I don't hold fast? How shall the picture be painted...*

#### 2 Timothy 1 An example of abandonment...picture of thieves

<sup>15</sup> This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

Turned away – [NT:654](#) ἀποστρέφω **apostrepho** (ap-os-tref-o); from [NT:575](#) and [NT:4762](#); to turn away or back (literally or figuratively):

**KJV** - bring again, pervert, turn away (from).

Phygellus – [NT:5436](#) Φύγελλος **Phugellos** (foog'-el-los); probably from [NT:5343](#); fugitive; Phygellus, an apostate Christian: **KJV** - Phygellus.

...from – [NT:5343](#) φεύγω **pheugo** (fyoo'-go); apparently a primary verb; to run away (literally or figuratively); by implication, to shun; by analogy, to vanish:  
**KJV** - escape, flee (away).

Hermogenes – [NT:2061](#) Ἑρμωγένης **Hermogenes** (her-mog-en'-ace); from [NT:2060](#) and [NT:1096](#); born of Hermes; Hermogenes, an apostate Christian: **KJV** - Hermogenes.

...from – [NT:2060](#) Ἑρμῆς **Hermes** (her-mace'); perhaps from [NT:2046](#); Hermes, the name of the messenger of the Greek deities; also of a Christian:

**KJV** - Hermes, Mercury.

...and from – [NT:1096](#) γίνομαι **ginomai** (ghin'-om-ahee); a prolongation and middle voice form of a primary verb; to cause to be ("gen"-erate), i.e. (reflexively) to become (come into being), used with great latitude (literal, figurative, intensive, etc.):

**KJV** - arise, be assembled, be (-come, -fall, -have self), be brought (to pass), (be) come (to pass), continue, be divided, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, be fulfilled, + God forbid, grow, happen, have, be kept, be made, be married, be ordained to be, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, be showed, <sup>x</sup> soon as it was, sound, be taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought.

#### 2 Timothy 4

<sup>10</sup> For Demas hath forsaken me, having **loved this present world**, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

Accept brides

Embezzle, Steal, cheat, forge

Abscond with others possessions

Withhold assistance

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*What should happen if I do hold fast? How shall the picture be painted...*

### 2 Timothy 1

<sup>16</sup> The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:

Onesiphorus – [NT:3683](#) Ὀνησίφορος **Onesiphoros** (on-ay-sif'-or-os); from a derivative of [NT:3685](#) and [NT:5411](#); profit-bearer; Onesiphorus, a Christian: **KJV** - Onespiphorus.

### Titus 2 An example of how we are to live...picture of righteousness

<sup>12</sup> Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**

### Philemon 1 example of effectual communication (movie and not a silent movie)

<sup>6</sup> That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every **good thing which is in you** in Christ Jesus.

Effectual – [NT:1756](#) ἐνεργής **energes** (en-er-gace'); from [NT:1722](#) and [NT:2041](#); active, operative: **KJV** - effectual, powerful.

<sup>7</sup> For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the **bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee**, brother.

Bowels – [NT:4698](#) σπλάγχνον **splagchnon** (splangkh'-non); probably strengthened from splen (the "spleen"); an intestine (plural); figuratively, pity or sympathy: **KJV** - bowels, inward affection, + tender mercy.

Refreshed – [NT:373](#) ἀναπαύω **anapano** (an-ap-ow'-o); from [NT:303](#) and [NT:3973](#); (reflexively) to repose (literally or figuratively [be exempt], remain); by implication, to refresh: **KJV** - take ease, refresh, (give, take) rest.

## Completed diligently

### 2 Timothy 1 example of conscientiousness...picture of relentlessness

<sup>17</sup> But, when he was in Rome, he sought [seek] me out very diligently, and found me.

Diligently – [NT:4709](#) σπουδαίως **spoudaios** (spoo-dah'-yoce); adverb from [NT:4705](#); earnestly, promptly: **KJV** - diligently, instantly.

### Psalm 119

<sup>4</sup> Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts **diligently**.

### Proverbs 27

<sup>23</sup> **Be thou diligent** to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.

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### Picture of Pleasurable

#### 2 Timothy 1 example of the gratitude...picture of pleasure

<sup>18</sup> The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in **that day**: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

#### Proverbs 11

<sup>27</sup> He that **diligently seeketh good** procureth [obtains, buys, gains] **favour**: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

#### 2 Peter 3

<sup>14</sup> Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, **be diligent** that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

#### Amos 5

<sup>14</sup> **Seek good**, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

#### 1 Peter 3

<sup>10</sup> For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

<sup>11</sup> Let him **eschew evil**, and **do good**; let him **seek peace**, and **ensue it**.

<sup>12</sup> For **the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous**, and **his ears are open unto their prayers**: but **the face of the Lord is against them that do evil**.

### Picture this...

*What could your life be like if you put as much effort and diligence in Spiritual matters...*

*...as you do in your personal lives?*

#### 2 Timothy 4:7

I have **fought a good fight**, I have finished my course, I have **kept the faith**:

*Will the Picture bring Pleasure to God and the church...?*

*...or is it destructive?*

*...your picture could really be worth a thousand words...*

*How will your Portrait appear to others?*

*...will they be words of this world...*

*...or those Words of God ...of Truth and Faith and good doctrine...*

**Keeping the Faith...is maintaining full exposure ...so that others see the light rather than darkness**