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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: Guard!

Text: 1 Timothy 6:20-21

"²⁰O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called 'knowledge,' ²¹for by professing it some have swerved from the faith." 1 Timothy 6:20-21

In this passage, the apostle Paul gives the theme of 2 Timothy: guard (preserve and keep) that which has been solemnly entrusted to you.

1. The "Guard" Mindset



The issue in our day is that we should live with a wartime mentality, but instead we live in a culture of ease and personal preference with regard to truth formation.

"Guard" with Fervor, Passion and Diligence the Entrusted Deposit

"When a strong man, fully armed, GUARDS his own palace, his goods are safe." Luke 11:21

"While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have GUARDED them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled." John 17:12

"...which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to GUARD until that day what has been entrusted to me." 2 Timothy 1:12

"Little children, keep (GUARD) yourselves from idols." 1 John 5:21

"You shall not pass." Gandalf, The Fellowship of the Ring

ECBC CORE VALUES

We Submit to the Bible → We are Family → We Serve Others → We Make Disciples.

"By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you." 2 Timothy 1:14

"...for all the gifts which God bestows on us are committed to us on this condition, THAT WE SHALL ONE DAY GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THEM...The Apostle, therefore, exhorts him to keep diligently what had been given to him, or...committed to him in trust; that he may not allow it to be corrupted or turned aside, or deprive or rob himself of it through his own negligence/lethargy." Paraphrased from John Calvin, Bible Commentaries 21

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3. "Guard" by Avoiding Idle Babblings of the (secret and false) Knowledge Group

"But even though they taught nothing that was contrary to godliness, yet, because their whole doctrine contains nothing else than big words and bombast, because it is inconsistent with the majesty of Scripture, the power of the Spirit, the gravity of the message of the bible, and the sincerity of the apostles, it is, on that account, an absolute profanation (destruction) of true theology." Paraphrased from John Calvin, Bible Commentaries 21

4. "Guard" by Knowing the Destructive Nature of Biblical Error and the Happiness/Flourishing of Treasuring Jesus

"I merely wish you, dear reader, to consider the possibility that when a tweet provokes you to wrath, or an Instagram post makes you envious, or some online article sends you to another and yet another in an endless chain of what St. Augustine called curiositas...you are dealing with powers greater than yours. Your small self and your puny will are overwhelmed by the Cosmic Rulers, the Principalities and Powers. They oppress or possess you, and they can neither be deflected nor, by the mere exercise of will, overcome. Any freedom from what torments us begins with a proper demonology." Alan Jacobs, Something Happened By Us: A Demonology, thenewatlantis.com, Spring 2022

QUESTIONS:

1. How do we encourage each other to have a "wartime mentality" in a culture of ease?
2. What are some of the "idle babblings" of our culture?
3. What do we mean when we say, "That may not be heretical, but it is not profitable"? Give examples.
4. What do guardians do?
5. Luke 10:21 says, "In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.'" Consider the following quote: "The contrast pointed out in Luke 10:21 by the Savior is not between 'educated and uneducated' but between those who imagine themselves to be wise and sensible and want to test the Gospel truths by their own intellects, and to pronounce judgment according to their self-formed ideas and those who live under the profound impression that by their own insight and own reasoning they are utterly powerless to understand the truths of God and to accept them. Often, unlearned persons are in the highest degree self-opinionated in regards to spiritual matters, and on the other hand some of the most learned are humble and childlike and accept the truths of the Gospel unreservedly." Norval Geldenhuys, Commentary on The Gospel of Luke, p. 306



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Welcome.

We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop anyone with a blue name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Traditional Worship and Classes
Sanctuary 9:30am & 11:00am

Contemporary Worship and Classes
Worship Center 9:30am & 11:00am

Ways to Give.

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Give via text by texting the word "GIVE" to 843-202-4848.


Get to Know.

Michael Hardee




PRODUCTION MANAGER ON STAFF

Michael is from Mount Pleasant, SC and grew up attending church. However, he struggled to understand the purpose of it. While dating his future wife, a friend challenged them to consider the purpose of their relationship and lives. Through these conversations, he finally understood that the purpose of all of his life was to grow in relationship with Jesus and surrendered his life to Him. Michael joined the ECBC staff in 2021. He is married to Emily and they have a daughter, Maggie. He enjoys spending time with his family and watching his daughter grow.



Serve.

For detailed information, please go online.




SERVE AT EAST COOPER

KIDS MINISTRY SUMMER SUNDAYS - Starting June 5 we give our regular volunteers a break for the summer. We would love for you to help by serving 1-2 Sundays this summer.

PRODUCTION TEAM - Do you have an interest in helping with lyrics, mixing audio, or camera work? We'd love for you to serve with us. We ask volunteers to serve once a month, for both services. Training is provided.

WELCOME TEAM - We invite you to join our Welcome Team as they greet people coming to service, keep our coffee filled, and assist people in finding parking!

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY - If you are gifted musically and desire to worship the Lord through that, we encourage you to join one



SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY






POOR AND DESTITUTE - There are people in our community in need of our help, both through serving them and sharing the gospel! Serve at The Navigation Center or Hope to Home as we reach our community.

PRISONER AND TRANSITION - Right here at East Cooper, you can reach those in prison through writing and sharing Bible studies with them!

VULNERABLE CHILDREN - Every life is precious and you can care for vulnerable children at the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and Lifeline Children's Services!

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AWARE CONFERENCE

In times of cultural difficulty and opposition, we are tempted to be hostile towards our culture or retreat out of it. Dr. Stephen Presley, will speak about how the ancient church lovingly and boldly engaged culture as a model for us today.

REGISTER TODAY.



PRAYER MEETING

We would love to have you join us on the first Tuesday evening of each month for a time of prayer in our Sanctuary from 6:00-6:30pm. Our next one is on May 3.

PLAN TO ATTEND.



CELEBRATE BUSTER & SARA

We hope you'll join us as we celebrate Buster & Sara Brown's 40 years of ministry at East Cooper! Sunday, **May 15** from 2:00-4:00pm in the Welcome Center.

PLAN TO ATTEND.



SUMMER CLASS

Our culture has been and is changing rapidly. How do we speak well for Jesus and answer the common objections people have in our growing, Post-Christian age? Come for this four-week class in B221 starting June 5 to learn.

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