

## **KEEP THE COMMANDMENT!**

Five times in the book of 1 Timothy, Paul used the Greek word paraggelia to issue a **CHARGE**.

It is not always translated “charge”, for example:

- (1 Tim.1:3) urge
- (1 Tim.1:5) instruction
- (1 Tim.1:18) command
- (1 Tim.6:13) charge
- (1 Tim.6:17) instruct

Notice that paraggelia was used both to open and close the book of 1 Timothy.

Paraggelia is a charge from a superior to subordinates and to be followed throughout the chain of command.

In today’s lesson text, Paul’s charge to Timothy was to “**Keep the Commandment**” (1 Tim.6:13-14).

### **Four aspects of what Paul meant by the charge to keep the commandment**

#### **1. Paul identifies the chain of command connected to this specific charge in our lesson text.**

This chain of command elevates this charge from the Supreme Command Center:

From God,  
To Jesus Christ,  
To the Apostle Paul,  
To Timothy,  
To DSBC!

- **Paul:** “I charge (paraggelo/ p.a.ind.1ps) you
- **God:** in the presence (enopion) **of God, who** gives life (zoopoieo/ p.a.ptc.gsm) to all things,
- **Christ Jesus:** and **of Christ Jesus, who** testified (martureo/ a.a.ptc.gsm) the good confession before Pontius Pilate,
- **Timothy:** that you keep (tereo/ a.a.infin) the commandment (ten entole) without stain or reproach **until** the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Tim.6:13-14)

#### **2. The commandment of (1 Tim.6:13-14) is based on two imperatives given to Timothy in (1 Tim.6:12).**

- **Fight** (agonize/ p.m.impv.2ps) the god fight of faith.
- **Take hold** (epilambano/ a.m.impv.2ps) of eternal life to which you were called (kaleo/ a.p.ind.2ps), and confessed (homologeō/ a.a.ind.2ps) the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” (1 Tim.6:12)

**3. Timothy is charged with keeping this commandment “without stain (aspilos) or reproach (anepileptos).”**

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**4. Timothy is charged with keeping the commandment “until (mechri) the appearing (tes epiphaneia) of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

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