"Grace"

Intro: In coming to the close of this first letter addressed to Timothy, we've studied as Paul poured out his heart in penning these Spirit-breathed words. At the point of this writing he has written what is necessary for Timothy's instruction and now all that was left is for Timothy to
_________________ his ____________.

A. As those called to do as this letter instructs let us consider
________ we must guard; what we must avoid; and _______ we
must live.

I. God calls ____ true Christians to be ________ of His Word (cf. James
1:23-25)

A. Each believer in their ordained position of service is to do the
Word by __________________ what the Lord has entrusted to them,
all working as one, supporting the church leadership as they all
together denounce and silence false teachers, work to recognize
ordained church leadership, keep their lives pure, being the pillar and
support of the Truth! In this we are to be __________ doers,
keeping the content of this letter! Let us care for His church according
to the Spirit-breathed __________________ of this letter and by this
we will glorify Christ through His bride.

B. In order to safe-guard our life and the life of the entire church we
must __________________ __________ whatever is of worldly and
empty chatter, and of false knowledge, for such will lead to further
ungodliness. We must denounce what this letter denounces while
proclaiming the true doctrine of Christ. In doing this we will put off
________________________ and put on conformity to Christ (godliness).
1. As we are entrusted with the well-being of the church we must be careful to uphold the ______________ of this letter, for false teachers will arise, and seeking to malign the truth they will seek to deceive us and those within our fellowship. We have a ______________ trust! Let us ___________ that which has been entrusted to us.

C. God extends His ___________ to us. If we try to carry out the instruction of this Letter on our own strength we will fall flat, fail miserably, and the church will suffer. We must carry out the command of this Spirit-breathed Word by trusting in Christ for God’s grace. As we have come to Christ so must we _______ _________: by grace through faith in Christ.

Closing: “And thus this great letter concludes. The Gospel stands, though its enemies rage. The church goes on, though falsehood finds a home and voice even from within its number. At the center of the battle is a solitary individual, ___________ ___ _________ to guard the trust of truth delivered in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul has sought to encourage, exhort, and strengthen Timothy to be faithful to his calling. ____ today who find themselves in the thick of this same battle will find in the words of this ancient, but ever-living letter, the same ___________ for this epic struggle of truth and error, of life and death, heaven and hell.” (John Kitchen, The Pastoral Epistles for Pastors, page 295)

So, let us guard what is entrusted to us by avoiding what leads to ungodliness. Rather, let us as the pillar and support of the truth, upholding Christ that we ourselves and the church at large will grow in godliness. Let us be doers of the Word of this Letter, and this as we _______ in God’s _________ through faith in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

We have heard the Word of the Lord for His church. Let us be doers of this Word, ______________ fulfilling that with which Christ Jesus has entrusted us.

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