A CHARGE TO KEEP

I Timothy 6:13-16

Intro:

    A.   Timothy was to avoid the "gain is godliness" crowd.
        1.   **"But thou, O man of God, flee these things".**
        2.   **"fight the good fight of faith".**

    B.   He had professed a good profession.
        1.   Timothy had a good foundation.
        2.   He had a good reputation.
        3.   He should, "lay hold" to eternal things.
        4.   Paul now gives him a charge to keep.

I.   Paul's Charge To Timothy.

    A.   **Vs 13 "I give thee charge in the sight of God..."**
        1.   "Charge" = παραγγελλω = "to hand on an announcement from one to another", "to pass on the watchword"
        2.   "Sight" = ενωπιον = "in the sight or presence of".

    B.   **"...who quickeneth all things..."**
        1.   "Quickeneth" = ζωοποιεω = "to make alive", "to give life", "to give eternal life".
        2.   "The source of all life".

    C.   **"...and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good profession."**
        1.   "Witnessed" = μαρτυρεω = "to give witness".
        2.   "Profession" = ὁμολογεω = "to speak or say the same with another".
        3.   "...who in testifying before Pontius Pilate made his great confession." - GSPD

    D.   **Vs 14 "That thou keep this commandment without spot unrebukeable..."**
        1.   "Keep" = τηρεω = "to watch over", "keep an eye on"
        2.   "Commandment" = εντολη = "that which has been enjoined".

3. "Spot" = σπιλος = "a stain", "a mark".
4. "Unrebukeable" = ανεπιληπτος = "not to be attacked", "taken, or apprehended".

E. "...until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ."
1. "Appearing" = επιφανεια = "the shining upon".
2. "Until the forthshining of..." - RHM
3. "This is how long we should be faithful".

II. What Christ's Appearing Will Show.

A. Vs 15 "Which in his times he shall shew..."
1. "Times" = καιρος = "the right time", "the suitable time", "the opportune point of time".
2. "Shew" = δεικνυμι = "to point out", as with the finger.

B. "...who is the blessed and only potentate..."
1. "Blessed" = μακαιρος = "joyfully confident".
2. "Potentate" = δυναστης = "one who exercised sovereignty in his own power".
3. "...that blessed and only Sovereign" - MOF

C. "...the King of kings, and Lord of lords."
1. "The king over all kings and the master of all masters" - PHI
2. "The King of them that reign and Lord of them that wield lordship." - RHM

D. Vs 16 "Who only hath immortality..."
1. αθανασια = "not able to die".
2. "Who alone can never die" - TAY

E. "...dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto;..."
1. "Dwelling" = οικεω = "to dwell", "inhabit".
2. "Light" = φως
3. "Approach" = απροσιτος = "unapproachable".

F. "...whom no man hath seen, nor can see;..."
1. "The one whom no mortal eye has ever seen" PHI

2.   John 6:46 - "Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father."

G.   "...to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."

    1.   "Honour" = Τιμη = "to place as valuable".

    2.   "Power" = Κρατος = "strength", "power in effect".

    3.   "Everlasting" = αιωνιος = "belonging to the ages"

III. Jesus Christ, The Way To God.

A.   He has the credentials.

    1.   He was born of a woman.

    2.   He suffered life on earth.

    3.   He gave Himself a ransom.

B.   He has the power.

    1.   He is immortal.

    2.   He is all-sufficient.