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 ®against that day. 3fTake an|Zhave committed unto him   
 against that day. 8 Hold   
 Sexample of the ® sound words, fast the form of sound   
 iwhich thou heardest from me "in|words, which thou hast   
 faith and love which js in Christ|\*eard of me, in faith and   
 Jesus. 14!The goodly ‘onsh @arh love which is in Christ   
 k1 Tim. 14, Sb COM=! Jesus, 1 That good thing   
 T1 Tim. 20.   
 make my possessive,—that which He has words in reference to the context. On   
 committed to me, and which is my deposit the right appreciation of this depends   
 to be guarded by me,—we have the follow- the question whether they are to be   
 ing meanings assigned:—(e) the Holy taken in their strict meaning, and sim-   
 Sp.rit. So Theodoret: (f) the faith and ple grammatical sense, or to be forced   
 ils proclamation to the world. So Chry- to some possible but far-fetched render-   
 s an alternative: (g) the apostolic ing. The consideration depends very   
 h the Apostle regarded asa thing much on the collocation and meaning of   
 rusted to him, a stewardship, 1 Cor. ix. the words in the original, can hardly   
 V7 (hy the faithful who had been con- be represented to the English reader. I   
 verted by him in the view of their having have argued in my Greek Testament that   
 heen committed to him by Christ: (i) his the ordinary rendering as in A. V., “ Hold   
 own soul, as entrusted to him hy God. On Sast the form of sound words,” is absolutely   
 all these, and this view of the deposit untenable. The verb does not mean “hold   
 generally, I may remark that we may fairly fast,’ but is simply “have,” or “take,”   
 he guided hy the same words “the trust and it is not ‘“¢ke form,” but ‘a form,”   
 which was committed to thee, keep” in or “a sample.” This being so, we shall   
 ver. 14 as to their sense here. As, in ver. have the rendering so far,—Have (take)   
 14, these words are said of the snbject of an example of (the) sound words, which   
 the sentence, viz. Timothy, keeping a de- thou heardest of me in faith and love   
 posit entrusted to him,—so here they must which are in Christ Jesus. Then two   
 he said of the subject of the sentence, viz. questions arise for us: to what (1) does   
 God, keeping a deposit entrusted to Him. take an example refer? I answer,—to the   
 Otherwise, while keeping the mere word saying immediately preceding, “I know   
 deposit to the same formal meaning in both whom I have trusted,” Sc. This was one   
 places, we shall, harshly and unnatu- of those faithful or wholesome sayings, of   
 rally, bo requiring the phrase to bear, in which we hear so often in these Epistles   
 two almost consecutive verses, two totally one which in his timidity, Timothy was   
 different meanings. The analogy therefore perhaps in danger of forgetting, and of   
 of ver. 14, es the second group of which therefore the Apostle reminds him,   
 1 ly against it, and in fact and bids him take it as a specimen or   
 ndoption of the first pattern of those sound words which had   
 native, viz. objective genitive,—and the been committed to him by his father in the   
 deposit committed by the Apostle to God. faith. To what (2) do the words in faith   
 And when we enquire what this deposit and love which are in Christ Jesus refer?   
 was, we have the reply, I conceive, the Certainly not to the words “from me,”   
 previous words whom I have trusted. He meaning “those sound words which I   
 had entrusted 11MsELF, body, soul, and spake to thee concerning, versed in, faith   
 spirit, to the keeping of his heavenly and love,” &c.: not, again, to the com-   
 Father, and lay safe in his hands, con- mand “have,” or “take,” to which in our   
 fident of His abiding and effectual care. understanding of it, such a qualification   
 A strong confirmation of this view is would be altogether inapplicable: but to   
 gained from 1 Thess. y. 23. In an Eng- thon heardest, reminding Timothy of the   
 lish version, is necessary to adopt one or readiness of belief, warmth of affection,   
 other of the alternatives, for the sake of with which he had at first received the   
 perspicuity. I have therefore retained the wholesome words from the mouth of the   
 words of the A. V.) against (in a temporal Apostle, and thus tacitly reproaching him   
 sense: not simply ‘wntil’) that day (viz. for his present want of growth in that   
 the day of Christ’s ; see faith and love; as if it had been said, Let   
 ch. iv. 13.] The utmost care is me in thus speaking, ‘I know whom I have   
 required, in interpreting this verse, to believed, &c.,’ call to thy mind, by one   
 ascertain the probable meaning of the example, those faithful those words