

# 1 Timothy 6:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

## Analysis

**I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things** (Παραγγέλλω σοι ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ζωοποιοῦντος τὰ πάντα, Parangellō soi enōpion tou theou tou zōopoioountos ta panta)—'I charge you before God who gives life to all things.' Parangellō is military command language. Zōopoieō means to make alive, give life. God is the life-giver and sustainer.

**And before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession** (καὶ Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ τοῦ μαρτυρήσαντος ἐπὶ Ποντίου Πιλάτου τὴν καλὴν ὁμολογίαν, kai Christou Iēsou tou martyrēsantos epi Pontiou Pilatou tēn kalēn homologian)—'and before Christ Jesus who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate.' Martyreō means to witness, testify. Jesus' confession before Pilate (John 18:33-37) demonstrated faithful testimony under threat.

Paul charges Timothy with solemn authority: before God the life-giver and Christ the faithful witness. Jesus' example before Pilate—standing firm for truth despite danger—models the faithfulness Paul requires of Timothy. Remain faithful to your charge even when threatened.

## Historical Context

Pontius Pilate governed Judea AD 26-36. Jesus' trial before Pilate is recorded in all four Gospels—He confessed He was King and witnessed to truth (John 18:37), even

knowing it would lead to crucifixion. Paul holds up Jesus' fearless testimony as the model: Timothy must confess Christ faithfully regardless of consequences, following his Lord's example of costly obedience.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. Why does Paul invoke both God the life-giver and Christ the faithful witness?
2. How does Jesus' confession before Pilate model faithful testimony under persecution?
3. What 'good confession' might cost you in your current context?

## Interlinear Text

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παραγγέλλω σοι ἐνώπιον τὴν θεοῦ τὴν ζωοποιοῦντος  
I give thee in the sight who of God who quickeneth  
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τὴν πάντα καὶ Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ τὴν μαρτυρήσαντος  
who all things and before Christ Jesus who witnessed  
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ἐπὶ Ποντίου Πιλάτου τὴν καλὴν ὁμολογίαν  
before Pontius Pilate who a good confession  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 27:11** (References Jesus): And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

**1 Timothy 5:21** (References Jesus): I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

**Revelation 3:14** (Witness): And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

**Revelation 1:5** (Witness): And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

**John 5:21** (Parallel theme): For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

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