

III.I WHY SHEPHERD SCHOOL? 2 Timothy 2:1-6

Big idea: Why are we doing Shepherd School?

Why Shepherd School?

I. So that you would be strengthened by grace (v. 1)

2 Timothy 2:1 "You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,"

- "it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace," **Hebrews 13:9**

Why Shepherd School?

II. So that you would be taught the truth (v. 2a)

2 Timothy 2:2a "and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men,"

- "Man does not live by bread alone." **Deuteronomy 8:3**

Why Shepherd School?

III. So that you would be equipped to teach others (v. 2b)

2 Timothy 2:2b "who will be able to teach others also."

- **ALL:** Wives, Children, the Nations. **SOME:** Church, Small Group, would-be Pastors, and future Shepherd School men.

Why Shepherd School?

IV. So that you would be a good soldier of Jesus Christ (v. 3)

2 Timothy 2:3 "Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus."

- **Think of all the military language the Apostles use in their New Testament letters:**
- **Philippians 2:25** "I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need..."
- **Philemon 1:1-2** "Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:"
- **2 Corinthians 6:4-7** "...as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for

the left..."

- **2 Corinthians 10:3-5** "For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ..."
- **1 Peter 2:11** "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul."
- **James 4:1** "What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?"
- **Romans 13:12** "The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."
- **2 Timothy 2:3-4** "Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him."
- **1 Timothy 6:10-12** "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."
- **1 Corinthians 16:13-14** (military terms) "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."
- **Christ's field general Paul is saying, "report for duty!"**
- **This is not peacetime. Life is war.**
- **We must fight for the truth of the gospel—you and I must "wage the good warfare." You must "Share in suffering as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."**

Why Shepherd School?

V. So that you would please your King (v. 4)

2 Timothy 2:4 "No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him."

Why Shepherd School?

VI. So that you would live your life according to the the rules and so be rewarded (v. 5)

2 Timothy 2:5 "An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules."

Why Shepherd School?

VII. So that you would exhaust yourselves in planting and

watering, and therefore most enjoy the fruit that God grows (v. 6)

2 Timothy 2:6 "It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops."

TEXT WORK

2 Timothy 2:1-6

→ vv. 13-14
"therefore"

1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,

present passive imperative
2nd person, singular
yield yourself to divine power
Receive power

"by means of"
"charis"

2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses

Relative pronoun
"the things"
aorist active, indicative
2nd person, plural

prep
"Fit"
"Compete"

entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

"Pistos"
"Anthropos"
aorist middle imperative
deposit
like treasure

future middle indicative
aorist active, infinitive

3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

aorist active imperative
2nd person, singular
Be a partaker in afflictions

NASB "Affairs of everyday life"

4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits,

"no soldiering"
Soldier in active duty
present middle indicative
gets intertwined
gets involved with

since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

conj.
aorist active, subjunctive
3rd person, singular
Find approval from
make happy Gal 1:10

5 An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

"if anyone competes as an athlete"
same verb as

crowned as the prizewinner

conj.
same verb as
Lawfully

6 It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.

definite
V-PAP-ASM
V-PAI-3S
adjective
V-PAN
definite

Exhausted
Wearied
1 Timothy 4:10
"To this end we TOIL and strive..."
(godliness)

"Fruit"