

L4: 2 Timothy 2:1-6 - Be Strong in Grace

Introduction:

- Timothy is the bishop at Ephesus
 - Son in the faith to Paul his father in the faith

- With the collaboration of 1st Timothy and the picture we get from Paul's epistles, Acts, and Ephesians we are able to see more in 2 Timothy of who Timothy is and what Ephesus is like thus what Timothy is facing
 - It is set forth plainly that "the spirit of fear" and therefore all its causes has been influencing Timothy and as Paul being his father in the faith comes and encourages, charges, and exhorts his son.
 - "Thanks God for him"
 - Brings up his own service to God
 - Explains he greatly desires to see him
 - The joy he receives from Timothy's faith
 - Puts him in remembrance to what he possess and has access to
 - "spirit of power, of love, of a sound mind"
 - Exhortation
 - Don't be ashamed of Christ nor of Paul
 - Partake of the afflictions
 - All in view of God's purpose in Christ that now is manifest
 - Charge
 - Hold fast
 - Be like the house of Onesiphorus

Preview:

- The Fruit and Strength of Faithfulness
 - Be Strong in Grace
 - Endure as soldier - win
 - Strive as athlete - mastery
 - Labor as farmer - firstfruits

Sermon:

{2 Timothy 2:1-6} Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. {2} And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. {3} Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. {4} No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a

soldier. {5} And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. {6} The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

{2 Timothy 2:1} Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

- **"Thou therefore, my son,**
 - Conclusion based upon that which he just got done speaking of in chapter 1
 - Onesiphorus
- **"be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."**
 - Operating thyself upon God's grace to you in Christ
 - Your standing
 - His provision
 - His purpose

{2 Timothy 2:2} And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

- Transaction of what he has learned he is to commit to others
 - Propagation and perseverance of truth
 - Teach other faithful men who are able to teach others also

{2 Timothy 2:3-4} Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

{4} No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

- Examples of "being strong in grace" to what extent?
 - Good soldier of Jesus Christ (fighting the good fight)
 - What is it that makes one "a good soldier of Jesus Christ"?
 - "endure hardness"
 - Do not "entangle himself with the affairs of this life"
 - A soldier is one that trains, has in view a victory, knows what it will take to win the victory, keeps his body in subjection, he fights, focused on the battle at hand
 - "endure hardness" - 2 Timothy 2:9, 4:5
 - "suffer trouble"
 - "endure afflictions"
 - "entangleth himself with the affairs of this life"
 - Romans 13:12
 - 2 Cor. 6
 - 2 Peter 2:20
 - "please God"
 - Fruits unto holiness (Rom. 6:22)
 - Col. 1

{2 Timothy 2:5} And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

- The Athlete (finished my course)
 - 1 Corinthians 9:23-27

{2 Timothy 2:6} The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

- The Farmer (kept the faith)
 - Render fruits in their seasons (Matt. 21:41)
- Galatians 6:7-9
 - Heb. 6:7
 - Jas. 5:7
- One who labors first partakes of the fruit
 - 1 Cor. 15:58

Conclusion:

- Being strong in grace looks like
 - A soldiers fight enduring hardness (fight the good fight)
 - Please Him
 - A athletes lawful striving (finish my course)
 - Crowned
 - A farmers labor (kept the faith)
 - First beneficiary of the fruits