

2 Timothy Chapter 2: Equipped for Every Good Work

Remember to Lift Up the Lord Jesus Christ

Chapter 1 Review: Retaining the Standard and Passing the Torch

- Paul is introduced as **Timothy's spiritual father**, encouraging an eternal perspective as Timothy encounters opposition preaching in Ephesus
 - Power, love, and discipline *must* replace timidity as the Eternal Gospel is worthy of suffering in light of God's purpose for us/the salvation of souls
 - Paul encourages Timothy to "**retain the standard**" of sound words; i.e. correct doctrine
 - Paul encourages Timothy to "**guard the treasure**" entrusted to him; his gift of teaching...leading people to Christ and correcting/rebuking false teachers
1. **Shine:** Allow God to develop your gift(s); the treasure entrusted to _____ you
 2. **Guard the standard:** regarding "sound" words and life lived. Don't let _____ the world set your standard...you set the worlds with the WORD
 3. **Charge at the work of God:** Don't let fear of suffering deter you; keep an eternal perspective w/ your eyes on the prize. Jesus will be with us. Walk by faith not sight

Chapter 2 Introduction:

- Passing on the Torch [continued encouragement]
- A Son, Soldier, Athlete, Workman, Vessel, and Servant for the Lord
- Dividing the Word and Speaking the Truth, Correcting w/out Quarrelling

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer. [Psalm 19:14]

2 Timothy Chapter 2

A Son

1 You therefore, **my son**, be strong **in the grace that is in Christ** Jesus. 2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, **entrust these to faithful men** who will be able to teach others also.

- **Therefore** or "In light of" Chapter 1: Power, Love and Discipline...be strong not timid "my son"
- "**Strong in Grace:**" Paul encourages Timothy "in the LORD"

1 Samuel 23:16 ...Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David at Horesh, and encouraged him in God.

- Entrust what you heard from me to future teachers who will **teach others**
- **My son** "...go do for someone what I have done for you"

A Soldier, an Athlete and a Farmer

3 Suffer **hardship** with me, as a good **soldier** of Christ Jesus. 4 No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

Soldier

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mission: To please our commander Jesus Christ [C.F. Joshua] ▪ Strategy: Don't get bogged down |
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1 Timothy 1:8 "...join me in suffering..." now "*suffer hardship with me*" as a soldier

- Your Christian life will always be a battle:

Ephesians 6:10 ^[Read] ...be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, ¹⁵ and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; ¹⁶ in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

5 Also if anyone competes as an **athlete**, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.

Athlete

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Goal: To win ▪ Strategy: Play by the rules; don't cheat |
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1 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and **discipline**.

- **Discipline:** Read, Pray, Meditate on the WORD, LISTEN...BE QUIET
- **According to the rules:** Instruction in the Word of God led by the Spirit of God; i.e. being honest, ethical, selfless, humble, etc...
- Redeem the time: Let what we do count for eternity:

1 Corinthians 9:27 ...but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

6 The **hard-working farmer** ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops.

Farmer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reaping: Share of the fruit; physical/spiritual▪ Sowing: Hard working sowing God's Word

7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. 8 **Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead**, descendant of David, according to my gospel, 9 for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned. 10 For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, **so that they also may obtain the salvation** which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.

- **For this reason** I endure [though sometimes it feels like forever]:

1. Risen from the dead *as prophesied*
 2. Descendant of David *as prophesied*
- } He is the One

Concerning the last hours of his life, it is said that Peter, when seeing his own wife led out to die, rejoiced because of her summons and her return home. He called to her very encouragingly and comfortingly, addressing her by name, and saying, "O thou, remember the Lord."

Of the final days of the apostle Peter in Rome, Italy, Jowett wrote that Peter was cast into a horrible prison called the Mamertine. For nine months, in absolute darkness, he endured monstrous torture manacled to a post. In spite of all the suffering Peter was subjected to, however, he converted his jailers, Processus, Martinianus, and forty-seven others. Peter met his death at the hand of the Romans in Nero's circus, 67AD.

11 It is a **trustworthy** statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; 2 If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; 13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

- **4 "If" statements:**

1. If we Die/Live:

Romans 6:8 ...if we have **died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live** with Him...

Galatians 2:20 "**I have been crucified with Christ**; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Galatians 5:24 Now **those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh** with its passions and desires.

2. **If we Endure/Reign:** IF...we continue in the faith we will reign with Him

Colossians 1:21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, 22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to **present you before Him holy and blameless** and beyond reproach-- **23 if indeed you continue in the faith** firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard...

Hebrews 11:25 [Moses]...choosing rather to **endure ill-treatment** with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

Hebrews 12:2 [We fix] our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him **endured** the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has **endured** such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

- **Our endurance does not make us believers but is a sign** that we are a true believer [Ant. Make-believer]
- What we do in this life has eternal benefits in the Millennial Kingdom:

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will **reign** with Him for a thousand years. [C.f. talents]

Luke 19:15 "When he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him so that he might know what business they had done. 16"The first appeared, saying, 'Master, your mina has made ten minas more.' 17"And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over **ten cities.**'

3. **If we Deny Him/Deny us:** IF we deny God's Holy Spirit; I.e. our need for Jesus as Savior until our dying day...He will deny us

Mark 3:29 ...but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"--

4. **If we are Faithless/ Faithful:** God cannot be unfaithful to His Word, though we may waver; ebb and flow

14 Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God **not to wrangle about words**, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers.

- Remind your hearers of the "if's" and do not allow them to wrangle [argue, dispute, quarrel] There is **no "wobble room" in these 4 truths**
- Leaders who argue about these truths will "ruin" the hearers

A Workman

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a **workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.** 16 But avoid **worldly and empty chatter**, for it will lead to further ungodliness, 17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

- **Workman:** Work is involved; I.e. Study
 1. Accurately handling the Word----- Confidence
 2. Ungodly Worldly, Empty chatter----- Further ungodliness
- Paul names those with a "new religious truth" and says "avoid" them

19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands 19 **having this seal**, "The **Lord knows** those who are His," and, "**Everyone who names** the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."

- Calvinism vs. Armenianism; Predestination/Free Choice; Empty chatter? Foolish and ignorant speculation. V.23 [losing salvation?]
- **Lord's view:** He knows who are His
- **Our View:** Everyone who Names the Name and abstains from wickedness

A Vessel

20 Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. 21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

- 2 Kinds of Pots: Food Dishes and...Toilets
- Cleanses from **these things?**
 1. Worldly chatter
 2. Empty chatter

James 3:2 For we all stumble in many ways If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

- **Be an Honorable Vessel:** Sanctified and Useful to the Master; Personal advice for Timothy:

22 Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue **righteousness, faith, love and peace**, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

- Avoid [**FLEE**] youthful lusts (Hormones)

- Substitute by pursuing faith, love, and peace **WITH OTHER BELIEVERS**
- Next Paul anticipates trouble for Timothy and gives advice

23 But **refuse foolish and ignorant speculations**, knowing that they produce quarrels.

- **Refuse Foolish Speculation:** Guesswork or assumptions that contradict and/or complicate God's clear teaching in His Word
- **God's Word is Truth**, not speculation (spaceship guy)

A Servant

24 The Lord's bond-servant **must not be quarrelsome**, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, 25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

Ecclesiastes 9:17 The words of the wise heard in quietness are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools.

- **Jesus servant must not be quarrelsome** but be:
 1. Kind
 2. Able to teach
 3. Patient when wronged
 4. Able to gently correct those in opposition to Truth that the hearers:
 - a) ...might be granted repentance by God
 - b) ...might come to a knowledge of the Truth

1 Timothy 2:3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Timothy 3:6 For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- c) ...might come to their senses
- d) ...might be freed from the snare of the devil [those who oppose Truth are in bondage]

Summary: Equipped for every Good Work

- A Son, Soldier, Athlete, Workman, Vessel, and Servant for the lord
- **Soldier, Athlete, Farmer:** Purpose leading to desired result
 1. **Soldier:** Enduring hardship to please his/her commander

2. **Athlete:** Disciplined and ready for action (give a reason)
 3. **Farmer:** Patient and enduring in ministry leading to a harvest
- **4 Trustworthy** doctrinal truths. Don't deny Christ
 - Nonsense talk is not appropriate for believers, Diligent in the Word, Able to gently correct