

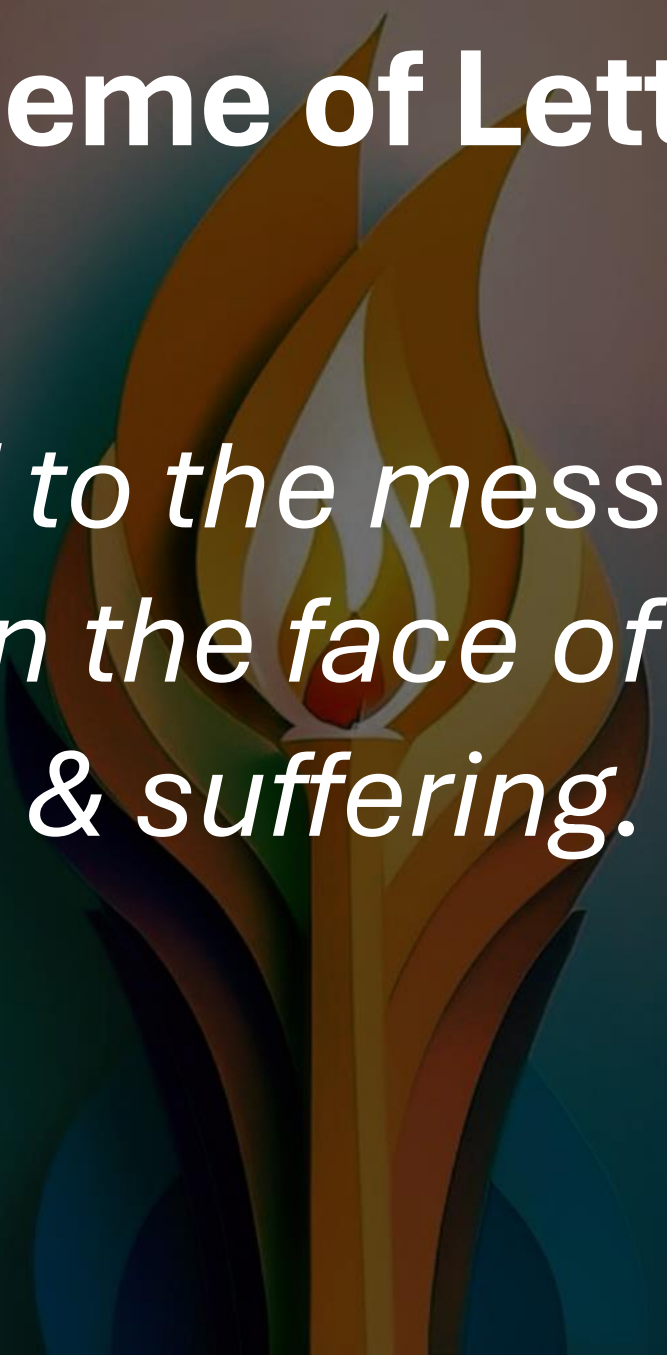


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2 Timothy

Theme of Letter

*To be devoted to the message & mission
of the gospel in the face of false teaching
& suffering.*



Overview

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Call to
SUFFER for
the Gospel

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Call to
ENDURE for
the Gospel

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Call to be
STRENGTHENED
by the
Gospel

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Call to
PREACH the
Gospel

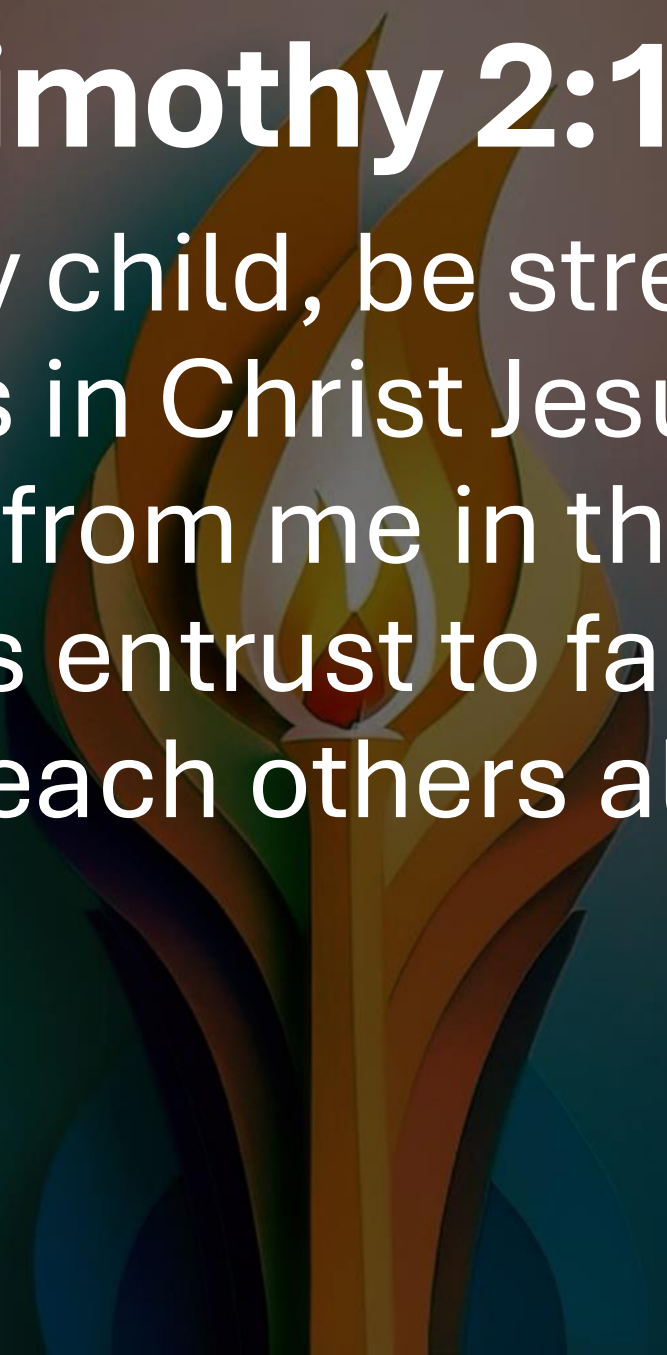


2 Timothy 2:1-7

Week 5: Prioritize the Mission

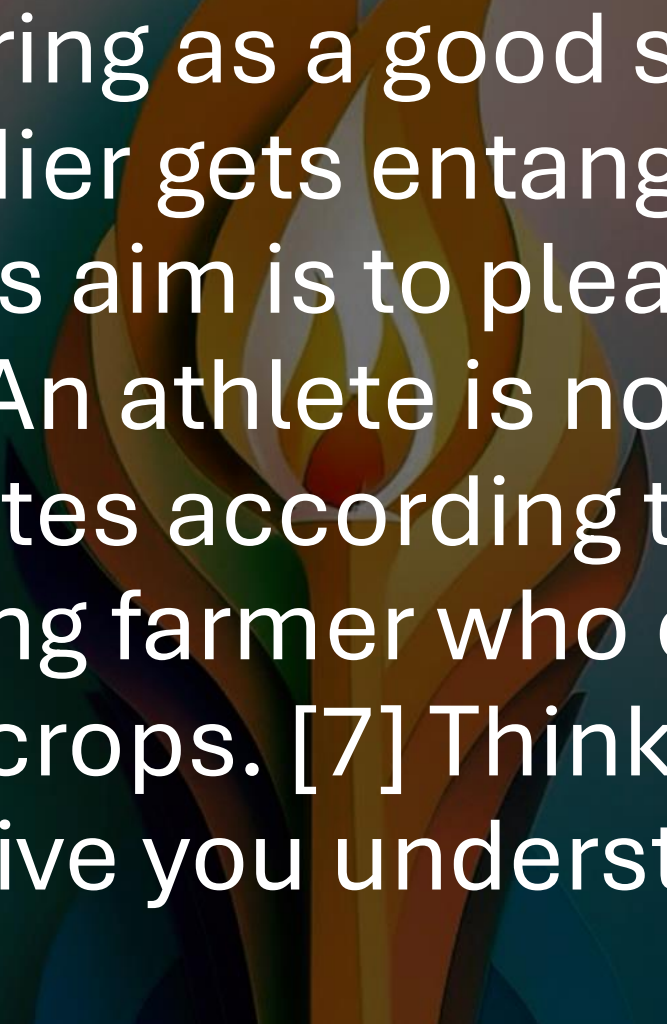
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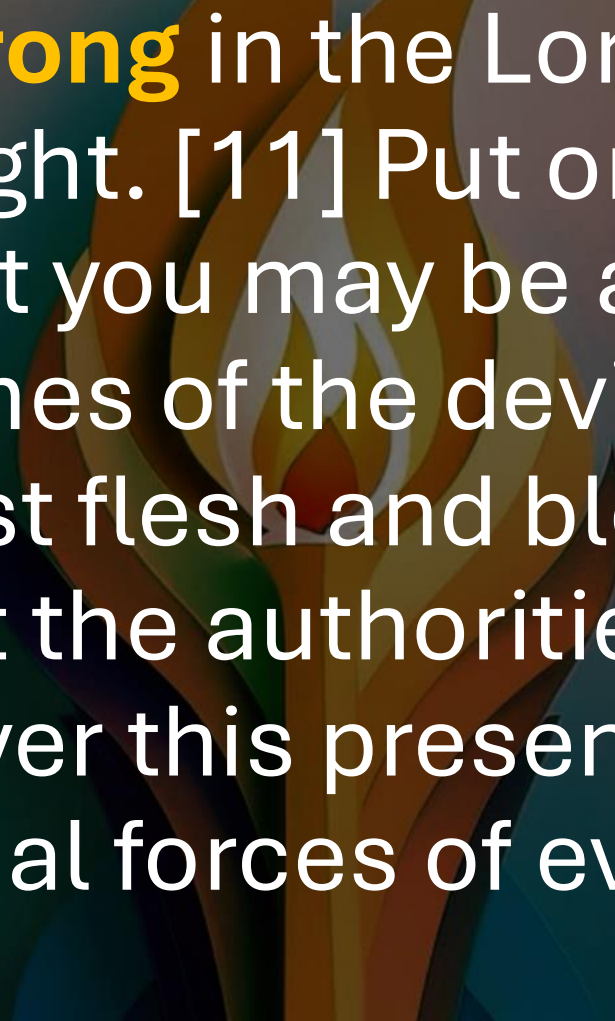
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- Paul turns his focus back to Timothy after giving contrasting examples
- Exhorts Timothy to **be strengthened**:
 - Not to be strong in *himself*
 - But be strong in *the grace available in Christ Jesus*

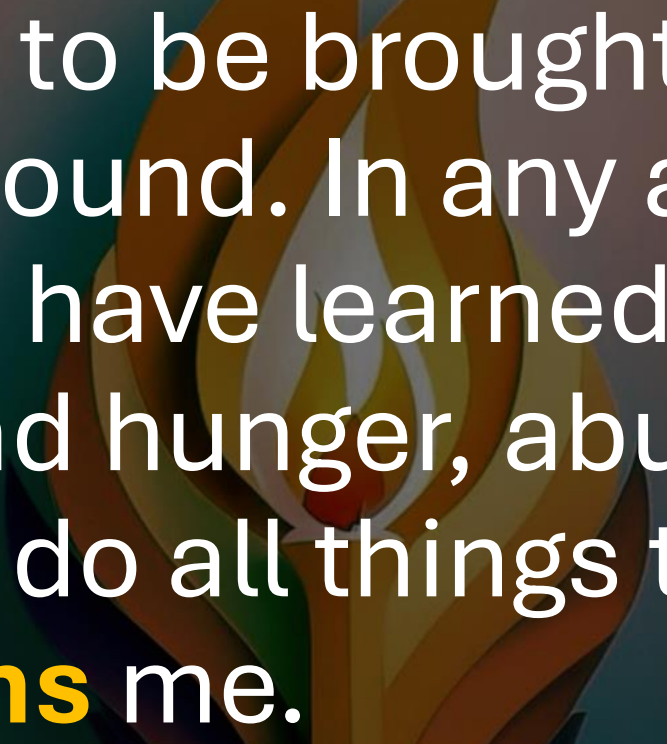
Ephesians 6:10-12

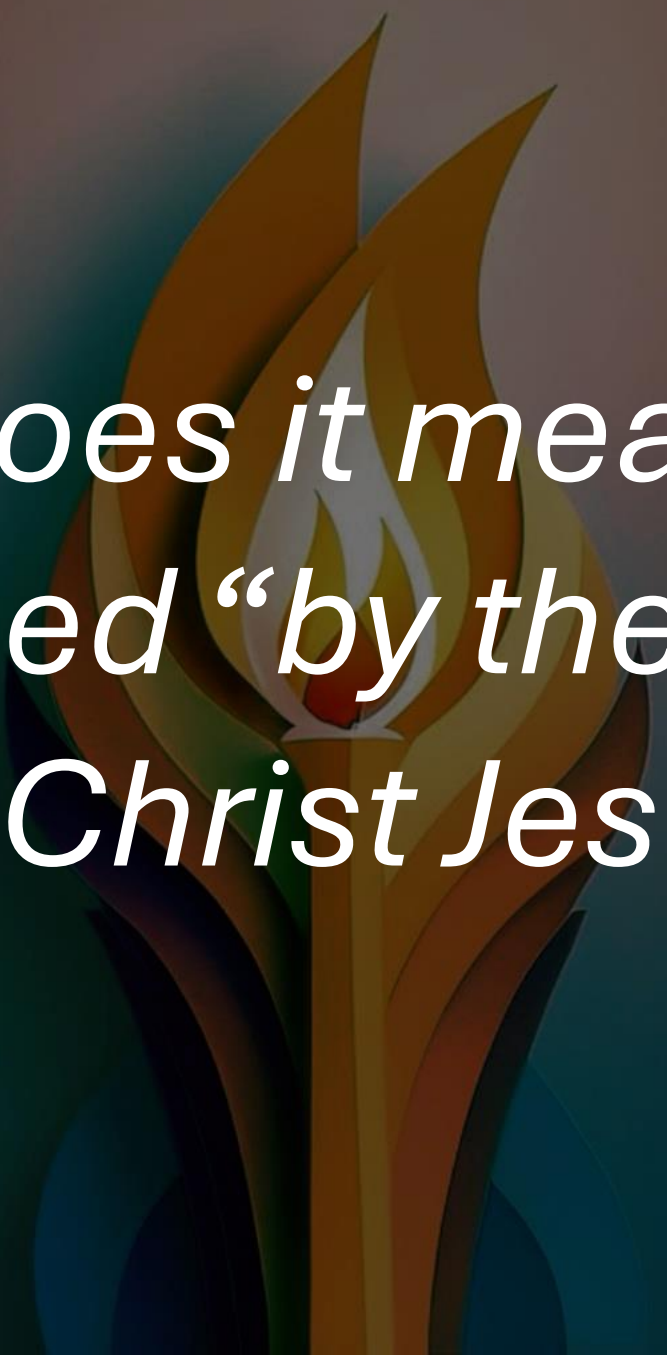
[10] Finally, **be strong** in the Lord and in the strength of his might. [11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. [12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.



Philippians 4:12-13

[12] I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13] I can do all things through him who **strengthens** me.





*What does it mean to be
strengthened “by the grace that
is in Christ Jesus?”*

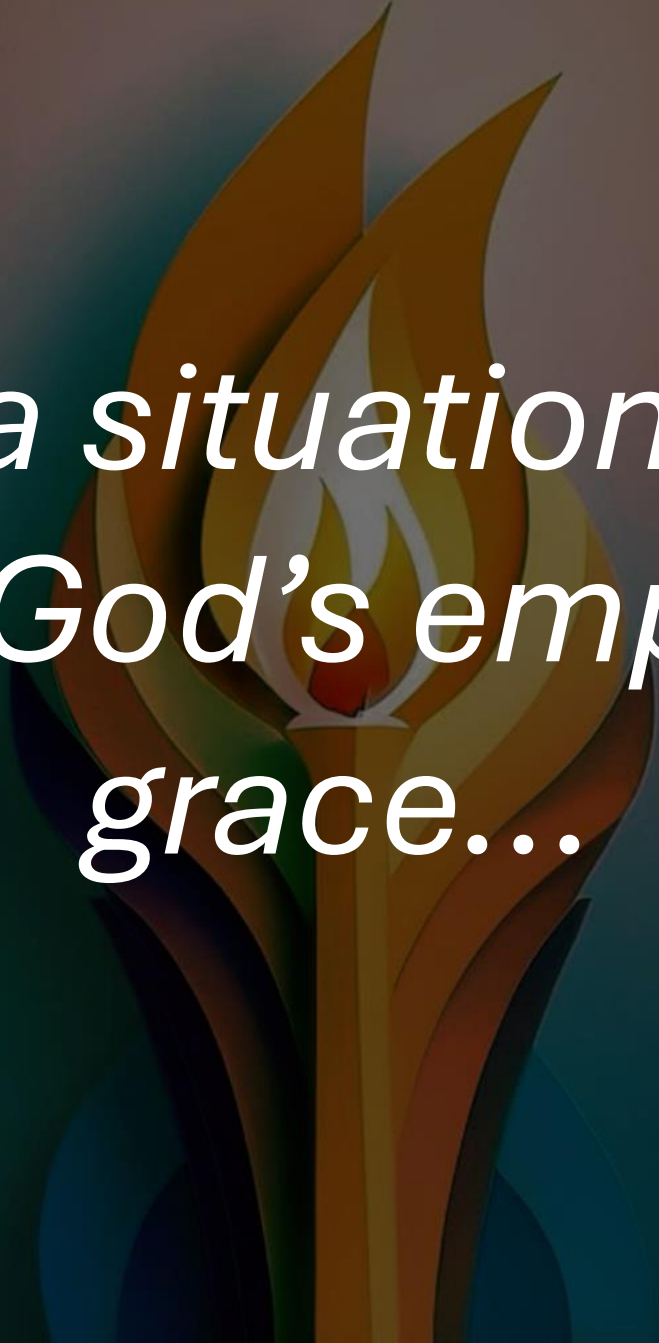
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

[7] So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. [8] Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. [9] But he said to me, “**My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [10] For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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- Grace is for the weak...but grace doesn't make us weak. Grace empowers.
- Grace equips us for the work God calls us to do. Grace can supply what we are lacking.
 - When we face impossible circumstances (Rom. 4:19-21)
 - When we feel insufficient for the task (2 Cor. 3:4-6)
 - When we experience spiritual attacks (2 Cor. 12:7-10)



*Describe a situation when you
needed God's empowering
grace...*

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- Paul calls Timothy to be strategic in his ministry of the gospel.
- This strategy includes:
 - **Remembering** what Paul has taught him in the presence of many witnesses
 - **Entrusting** those teachings to faithful men
 - **Exhorting** those men to pass it on to others

STRATEGIC

Paul

Timothy

Faithful Men

Others Also

GENERATIONS

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STRATEGIC

Faithful

Available

Teachable

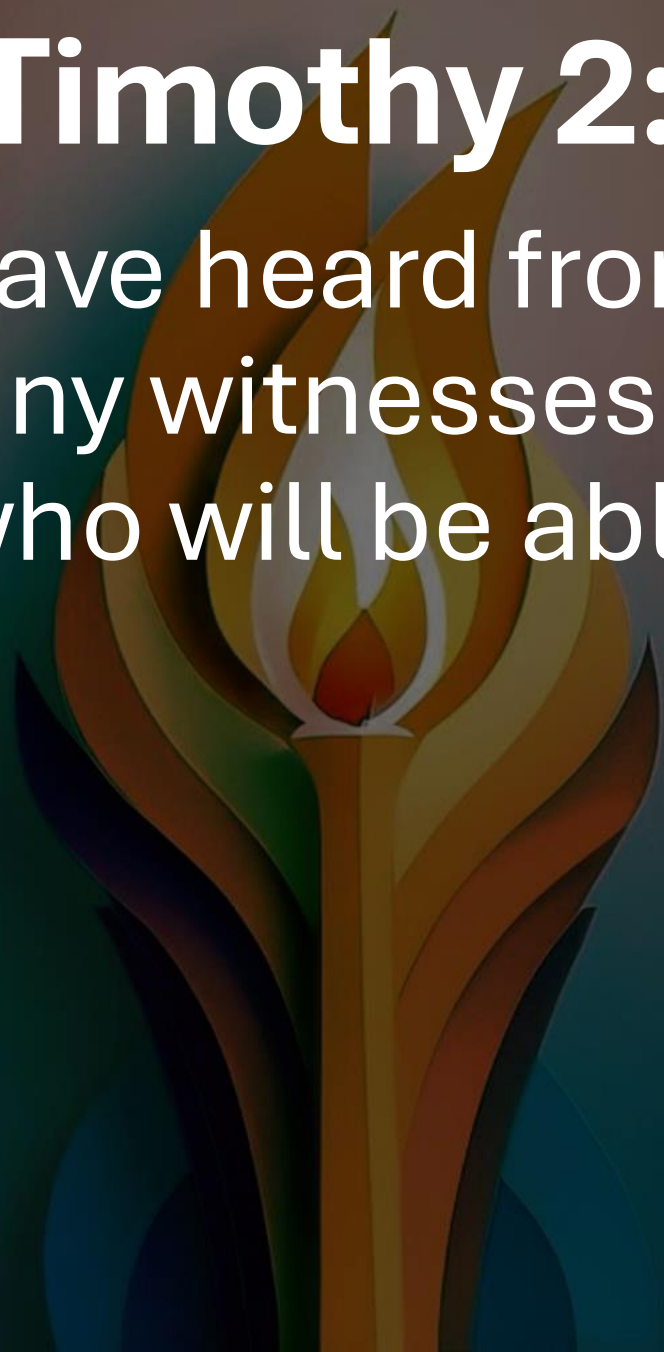
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QUALITIES

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2 Timothy 2:2

And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses **entrust to faithful men**, who will be able to teach others also.



Digging Deeper

- Greek word ***paratithemi*** (from *pará*, "right close beside" and *títhēmi*, "to place, put")
- To set close beside (right next to); entrust; commit to in a very up-close-and-personal way (note the force of the prefix *para*).
- Other definitions: (a) I set (especially a meal) before, serve, (b) act. and mid: I deposit with, entrust to, (c) I bring forward, quote as evidence.
- 19x in NT

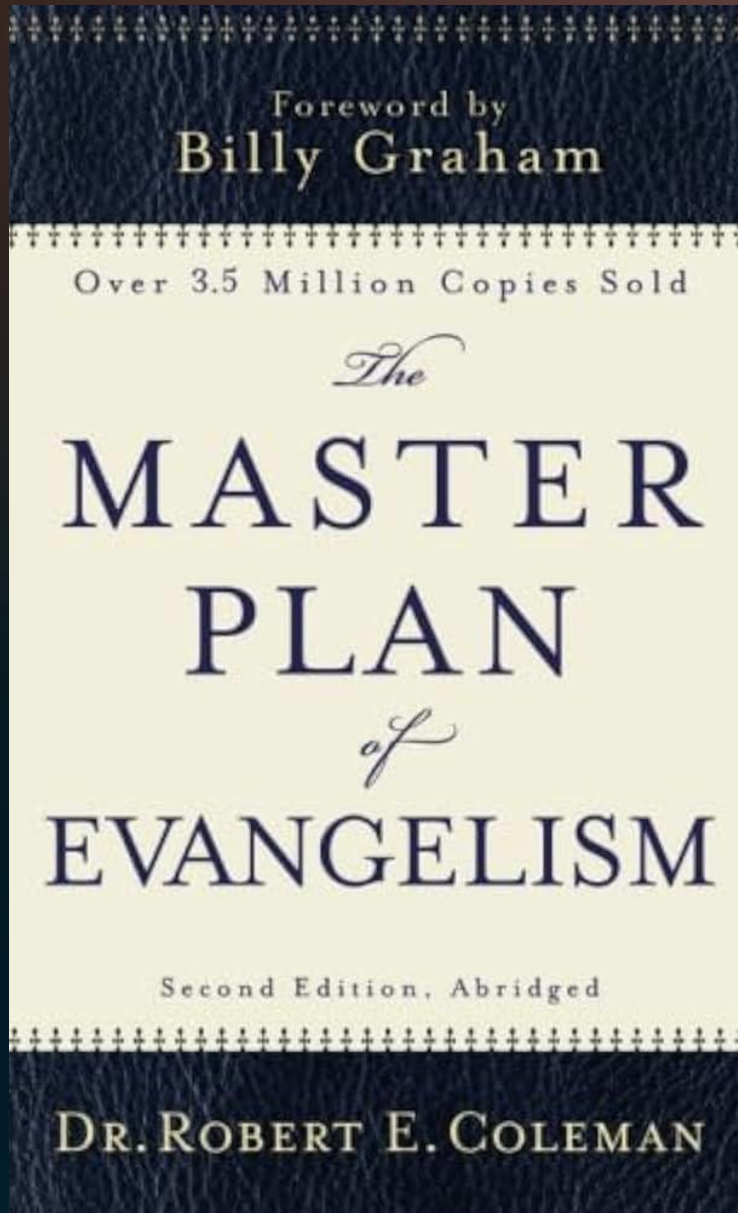




*Why do you think Paul
promotes this strategy of
discipleship?*

Spiritual Multiplication





“It all started by Jesus calling a few men to follow him. This revealed immediately the direction his evangelistic strategy would take. His concern was not with programs to reach the multitudes, but with men whom the multitudes would follow... We must decide where we want our ministry to count—in the momentary applause of popular recognition or in the reproduction of our lives in a few chosen people who will carry on our work after we have gone. Really it is a question of which generation we are living for.”

(Robert E. Coleman, *The Master Plan of Evangelism*, p. 21, 37)

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- Discipleship Pathway
- Discipleship Principles
- Personal Discipleship Process
- Find a Mentor
- Study Resources
- Recommended Reading

Personal Discipleship Process

A Roadmap for Personal Discipleship

Once we are convinced that Discipleship should be personal as Jesus, Paul, and others modeled, we may be asking: *how do we get started?* It can be helpful to have an overview or "Roadmap" about the personal discipleship process. Here is a simple overview of the 4 major phases of personal discipleship: (1) Recruit, (2) Plan, (3)

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ON BEING AND MAKING FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

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DISCIPLESHIP—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

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*What are examples of threats to
the gospel in our culture?*

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What do soldiers, athletes, & farmers have in common?

STEADFAST



- Work hard
- Use tools to accomplish work
- Often work with others
- Follow rules
- Committed to a goal or mission
- Focused
- Disciplined

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*What is the motivation for us to
be steadfast in our mission?*

STEADFAST



- Pleasing the Lord more than others or ourselves
- Recognizing our calling (enlisted)
- Eternal reward(s)
- Spiritual fruit that will last
- Making our life count for what matters most

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*What are the potential
obstacles to our mission based
on these analogies?*

STEADFAST



- Not wanting to suffer or experience persecution
- Distractions & temptations of this world
- Being entrenched in our own sins
- Not following the Lord's instructions for our ministries
- Laziness
- Difficulty of working with people

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*How do these analogies help us
understand our mission?*

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Key Takeaways



- You can't give what you don't have – so feed your soul with God's truth & grace (v.1)
- You should seek to give what you do have – so find a few people to pour into (v.2)
- You should expect the mission to be difficult but worth it – so perspective is crucial (v.3-7)



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