

II Tim. 2:1-7

1 You then, my son, **be strong** in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to **reliable** men who will also be qualified to teach others.

3 Endure hardship with us like a good **soldier** of Christ Jesus.

4 No one serving as a soldier gets **involved** in civilian affairs he wants to **please** his commanding officer.

5 Similarly, if anyone competes as an **athlete**, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules.

6 The hardworking **farmer** should be the first to receive a share of the crops.

7 **Reflect** on **what I am** saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

