

2 Timothy: A Life Well Lived





2 Timothy 2:1-13
A Good Soldier



[1] You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, [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. [3] Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. [4] No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. [5] An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. [6] It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. [7] Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

[8] Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, [9] for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! [10] Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. [11] The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

[12] 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.

A Soldier's Equipment

- *Our Weapon—Grace:* When Jesus chose to show grace to His enemies, He was commanding us to do the same.
- *Our Shield—Suffering:* When you suffer, use it as a way to rely on Jesus more — that's what separates our suffering from all others.
- *Our Orders—Focus:* We keep our focus on the cross by spending time daily in Scripture and choosing to turn away from evil, even if “everyone else” is doing it.

A Soldier's Mission

- *Our Commander—Jesus Christ:* We look to Jesus to show us how to live and teach us about life.
- *Our Objective—Salvation:* You don't have a single goal on earth higher than practicing your own salvation and leading others to salvation.
- *Our Reward—Christ's Faithfulness:* At the end, Christ will reward us with heaven and His presence.

How Shall We Live?

- When you find yourself thinking “everyone else is doing it”, think about whether Jesus would do it.
- Give as much grace to others as you want God to give to you.
- When you’re tempted, remember your reward and be strengthened.

Jesus is creating a world where He will reign in grace forever. Will you be a part of it or not?