



Training for the Fight 2 Timothy

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1. Part of the training is developing a passion and stirring up purpose. (In the faith)

2 Timothy 1:6

*“For this reason I remind you to **fan into flame** the gift of God (Gospel, H.S. Faith), which is in you through the laying on of my hands.”*

2 Timothy 2:20-21

*“In a large house there are articles not only of **gold and silver**, but also of **wood and clay**; some are for special purposes and some for common use. **Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.**”*

2. Part of the training is learning how to Guard. (The Faith)

What happens when our guard is down?

2 Timothy 1:14

*“What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. **Guard the good deposit** that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.”*

1 Peter 5:8-9

*“**Be alert and of sober mind.** Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. **Resist him**, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”*

2 Peter 3:17

*“Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, **be on your guard** so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position.”*

3. Part of the training includes suffering.

2 Timothy 1:8

*“So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, **join with me in suffering** for the gospel, by the power of God.”*

2 Timothy 2:3-7

*“Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one **serving as a soldier** gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. Similarly, anyone who **competes as an athlete** does not receive the victor’s crown except by competing according to the rules. The **hardworking farmer** should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.”*

2 Timothy 4:5

*“But you, keep your head in all situations, **endure hardship**, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.”*

What Types of things might cause suffering?

- **The enemy will try to attack us.**
- **There will be false witnesses, teachers and proclaimers.** 2 Timothy 2:14,16
- **There will be rough times ahead.**

2 Timothy 3:2-5

“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.”

The good thing about suffering is it produces Endurance and the ability to persevere. How can we continue when we feel like throwing in the towel?

2 Timothy 3:14

*“But as for you, **continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of**, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

Romans 5:3-5

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

James 1:2-4

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

We need to stay the course and walk through tough times with Jesus so that we can build endurance & perseverance.

Look at what Paul calls Timothy to in

2 Timothy 2:15

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

What’s Next After all the training and fighting?

4. We need to Train up the Next Generation

2 Timothy 4:2

“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.”

Paul exemplified Preaching & living by the Word.

He poured into Timothy in such a way, that he even referred to him as his own Son.

Who are you training up?

- **We are in a fight**
- **It’s important for us to be trained up**
(Fan the Flame, Guard, Build endurance)
- **How are you Training up the next Generation?**