



2 TIMOTHY 2: BE STRONG FOR THE WORK OF GOD 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 people who will also be qualified to teach others. 3 Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.





2 TIMOTHY 2: BE STRONG FOR THE WORK OF GOD 4 No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. 5 Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing 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.

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B. <u>STRONG DISCIPLINE</u>

4 No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.

DON'T BE DISTRACTED! Who is your CO? God, man or self?

5 Anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules.

Worship body-life

DON'T BE DELUDED! Who sets the rules? God or you?

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

DON'T BE DERAILED! God wants to bless. Why miss out?

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- 8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained.
- 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.
- 11 Here is a trustworthy saying:

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

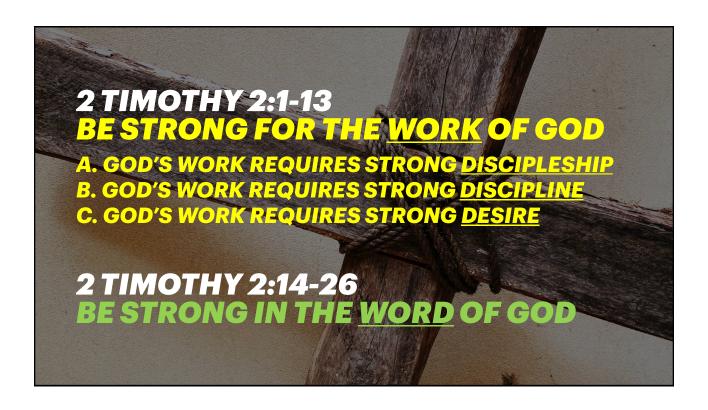
Early liturgy/hymn?
DIED synapethanomen
LIVED syzesomen

- 12 If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we deny him, he will also deny us;
- 13 If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

2 TIMOTHY 2: BE STRONG FOR THE WORK OF GOD C. STRONG DESIRE

- "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel" 2 Tim 2:8
 What a war cry! What an anthem!
- Remember the lesson on how we need to keep going back to the "fuel tank" of the abundant Grace of God!
- 2 Cor 9:8 Heb 4:16 2 Tim 1:9
- If our motivation/fuel is anything less than the Gospel, it will <u>never</u> be enough to see us through our suffering/valleys
- "Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect" 2:10
 Desire to know God breeds the desire to make Him known (work)

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13 BE STRONG FOR THE WORK OF GOD A. GOD'S WORK REQUIRES STRONG DISCIPLESHIP B. GOD'S WORK REQUIRES STRONG DISCIPLINE C. GOD'S WORK REQUIRES STRONG DESIRE 2 TIM 2:3 "Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus."



2 TIMOTHY 2: BE STRONG IN THE WORD OF GOD

- 14 Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. 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.
- 16 Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.
- 17 Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.

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A. GOD'S WORD MUST BE RIGHTLY HANDLED

Wrong response to the Word

- 14 Quarrelling about words ... only <u>ruins</u> those who listen.
- 16 Those who indulge in godless chatter will become more and more ungodly.
- 17 Teaching will spread like gangrene ... <u>destroy</u> others' faith.

Right(eous) response

- **14** Keep <u>reminding</u> God's people ... warn them.
- 15 A worker who does not need to be ashamed, correctly handling the word of truth.
- 16 Avoid godless chatter.

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A. GOD'S WORD MUST BE RIGHTLY HANDLED

Example: Hymenaeus and Piletus

- 1 Tim 1:19-20 Holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith. Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.
- 2 Tim 2:18 They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.

GNOSTICISM Intellectual, impractical practice of the faith, ignoring God's reality. Eg Jesus was not incarnate.

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- 19 Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."
- 20 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 (dishonorable, ignoble) use.
- 21 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 TIMOTHY 2: BE STRONG IN THE WORD OF GOD B. GOD'S WORD POINTS US TO REPENTANCE Mal 3:3 "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold 1 Cor 3:10-15 "If anyone builds on this foundation silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their for what it is ... It will be revealed with fire, and quality of each person's work. "If what has been built survives, the builder will suffer loss builder will suffer

2 TIMOTHY 2: BE STRONG IN THE <u>WORD</u> OF GOD B. GOD'S WORD POINTS US TO REPENTANCE

Some things we do are good – holy – useful – honorable KEEP DOING THEM! Gold/silver – fire will show the quality

But some things are wicked – unholy – dishonorable STOP DOING THEM! Wood/hay/straw – Cleanse yourself

HOW WILL WE KNOW WHAT TO KEEP, WHAT TO STOP?

- 1. What does the Word say? What would Jesus say?
- 2. What is the eternal consequence of this action?

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- 22 Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23 Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.
- **24** And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.
- 25 Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.





