

2 TIMOTHY 2  
ENCOURAGEMENT AND  
EXHORTATION

## Verses 1-7


YOU THEN, MY CHILD, BE STRENGTHENED BY THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS, <sup>2</sup> AND WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY WITNESSES ENTRUST TO FAITHFUL MEN,<sup>[A]</sup> WHO WILL BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO. <sup>3</sup> SHARE IN SUFFERING AS A GOOD SOLDIER OF CHRIST JESUS. <sup>4</sup> NO SOLDIER GETS ENTANGLED IN CIVILIAN PURSUITS, SINCE HIS AIM IS TO PLEASE THE ONE WHO ENLISTED HIM. <sup>5</sup> AN ATHLETE IS NOT CROWNED UNLESS HE COMPETES ACCORDING TO THE RULES. <sup>6</sup> IT IS THE HARD-WORKING FARMER WHO OUGHT TO HAVE THE FIRST SHARE OF THE CROPS. <sup>7</sup> THINK OVER WHAT I SAY, FOR THE LORD WILL GIVE YOU UNDERSTANDING IN EVERYTHING.

# Verses 1-7

## ▶ Encouragements

- Be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus
- The Lord will give you understanding

## ▶ Exhortations

- Entrust what you have heard to faithful men
  - Share in suffering as a soldier of Christ
  - Have a single minded focus
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## Verses 8-13

REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST, RISEN FROM THE DEAD, THE OFFSPRING OF DAVID, AS PREACHED IN MY GOSPEL, <sup>9</sup> FOR WHICH I AM SUFFERING, BOUND WITH CHAINS AS A CRIMINAL. BUT THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND! <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> THE SAYING IS TRUSTWORTHY, FOR:  
IF WE HAVE DIED WITH HIM, WE WILL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM;  
<sup>12</sup> IF WE ENDURE, WE WILL ALSO REIGN WITH HIM;  
IF WE DENY HIM, HE ALSO WILL DENY US;  
<sup>13</sup> IF WE ARE FAITHLESS, HE REMAINS FAITHFUL—  
FOR HE CANNOT DENY HIMSELF.

# Verses 8-13

## ▶ Encouragements

- Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead
- The word of God is not bound
- We will live and reign with Him
- He remains faithful

## ▶ Exhortations

- Suffer for the Gospel
- Endure for the sake of the elect that they might obtain salvation
- Die with Him

## Verses 14-19

REMINDE THEM OF THESE THINGS, AND CHARGE THEM BEFORE GOD<sup>[B]</sup> NOT TO QUARREL ABOUT WORDS, WHICH DOES NO GOOD, BUT ONLY RUINS THE HEARERS. <sup>15</sup> DO YOUR BEST TO PRESENT YOURSELF TO GOD AS ONE APPROVED,<sup>[C]</sup> A WORKER WHO HAS NO NEED TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY HANDLING THE WORD OF TRUTH. <sup>16</sup> BUT AVOID IRREVERENT BABBLE, FOR IT WILL LEAD PEOPLE INTO MORE AND MORE UNGODLINESS, <sup>17</sup> AND THEIR TALK WILL SPREAD LIKE GANGRENE. AMONG THEM ARE HYMENAEUS AND PHILETUS, <sup>18</sup> WHO HAVE SWERVED FROM THE TRUTH, SAYING THAT THE RESURRECTION HAS ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY ARE UPSETTING THE FAITH OF SOME. <sup>19</sup> BUT GOD'S FIRM FOUNDATION STANDS, BEARING THIS SEAL: "THE LORD KNOWS THOSE WHO ARE HIS," AND, "LET EVERYONE WHO NAMES THE NAME OF THE LORD DEPART FROM INIQUITY."

# Verses 14-19

## ▶ Encouragements

- Approved workmen do not need to be ashamed
- God's firm foundation stands
- The Lord knows who are his
- True believers will turn from iniquity

## ▶ Exhortations

- Warn them against quarreling
- Present yourself to God as one approved
- Avoid godless chatter

# Verses 20-26

NOW IN A GREAT HOUSE THERE ARE NOT ONLY VESSELS OF GOLD AND SILVER BUT ALSO OF WOOD AND CLAY, SOME FOR HONORABLE USE, SOME FOR DISHONORABLE. <sup>21</sup> THEREFORE, IF ANYONE CLEANSSES HIMSELF FROM WHAT IS DISHONORABLE,<sup>[D]</sup> HE WILL BE A VESSEL FOR HONORABLE USE, SET APART AS HOLY, USEFUL TO THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE, READY FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

<sup>22</sup> SO FLEE YOUTHFUL PASSIONS AND PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS, FAITH, LOVE, AND PEACE, ALONG WITH THOSE WHO CALL ON THE LORD FROM A PURE HEART. <sup>23</sup> HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH FOOLISH, IGNORANT CONTROVERSIES; YOU KNOW THAT THEY BREED QUARRELS. <sup>24</sup> AND THE LORD'S SERVANT<sup>[E]</sup> MUST NOT BE QUARRELSOME BUT KIND TO EVERYONE, ABLE TO TEACH, PATIENTLY ENDURING EVIL, <sup>25</sup> CORRECTING HIS OPPONENTS WITH GENTLENESS. GOD MAY PERHAPS GRANT THEM REPENTANCE LEADING TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH, <sup>26</sup> AND THEY MAY COME TO THEIR SENSES AND ESCAPE FROM THE SNARE OF THE DEVIL, AFTER BEING CAPTURED BY HIM TO DO HIS WILL.




# Verses 20-26

## ▶ Encouragements

- You will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master
- God grants repentance to some leading them to a knowledge of the truth

## ▶ Exhortations

- Cleanse yourself from that which is dishonorable
  - Flee evil desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace
  - Don't quarrel, but be a patient and gentle teacher
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# Applications

## ▶ Encouragements

- God's word is full of life changing truth
- The Lord will give you understanding if you seek it
- The Lord is faithful
- His grace is sufficient

## ▶ Exhortations

- Pursue God thru his word
  - Grab hold of God's promises, claim them, and believe them
  - Serve God with all your heart
  - Die to yourself, and live for Christ
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