

忠心为主做难事 — 提摩太后书 2:1-7 Be Faithful to Do the Hard Work of the Lord — 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-7

2 Timothy 2:1-7 (NASB1995)

1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier. 5 Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules. 6 The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops. 7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Introduction: Three kinds of scriptures that are hard to preach... Today's scripture is a personal teaching for us as believers.

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Background: 1:11-28, all who are in Asia turned away from Paul, and Timothy must be strong and courageous.

2:1 The foundation of our strength is the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Timothy was already a brother with such strength, yet Paul encouraged him all the more.

2

Just as Paul instructed Timothy to hold fast to the truth learned from Paul, we should also stand firm in biblical truth.

Entrust the ministry of the church to those faithful and able to teach others.

Encourage us to all become brothers and sisters who are faithful and able to teach.

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3 Three parables: 3 qualities required of good soldiers of the Lord: focus, discipline, and diligence

4 A good soldier is so focused that even marriage cannot distract your focus on Jesus.

5 Follow the rules and resist heresy.

Follow the rules, that is, the whole Bible, and we must obey it wholeheartedly.

6 Jesus Christ and Paul are both like hard-working farmers

Our reward is not only in heaven but also here on earth

Words for new friends: the God we Christians believe in may not be what you'd expect, but He is certainly true and reliable

7 We need to carefully consider God's words