

Study Notes for 2 Timothy 2: 1-13

Read the passage through.

- What does it mean to be “**strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus**”? (v1)
- Why do we need the Lord’s strength for ministry? What happens if we don’t have it?
- Why was it necessary for Timothy to find faithful men to carry on the teaching of Christ and Him crucified? (v2)
- What happens when men who are NOT faithful teach God’s Word?
- How do you know if someone is faithfully teaching the Word as it was originally given?
- How is the illustration that the Apostle Paul used of a soldier appropriate to the Christian life? (v3-4)
- When Paul tells Timothy not to get caught up in “civilian pursuits” what does he mean?
- How should this apply to a pastor?
- Read **verse 5** once again. How does this picture of the rule-keeping athlete apply to Timothy or to you? (v5)
- Paul’s reference to the “hard-working farmer” is interesting but what can Timothy learn from it? (v6)
- What do all the illustrations (soldier, athlete and farmer) have in common in the Apostle’s exhortations?
- Look up **verse 7** in a few different translations and see what other words are used for “think over.” What exactly is Paul telling Timothy to do? (v7)
- What do you think holds most people back from meditating on the Word of God?
- What benefit does Paul tell Timothy he will get from reflecting on Paul’s words? (v7)
- The Apostle refers to Jesus as “**the offspring of David.**” Why is that appellation that points back to the Old Testament significant? (v8)
- If someone asked you WHY the Old Testament was important to study in order to understand the New Testament, what would you say?
- What does Paul mean when he says, “**the Word of God is not bound**”? (v9)
- The Apostle Paul liked to pass along “**trustworthy sayings.**” What seems significant about this one? (v11-13)
- What warnings do you see in this saying?
- What do you find more encouraging about this saying?