

Can't Teach What You Don't Know

This subject encompasses so much, that we could spend a month or more on this subject alone.

2 Timothy 2:1-7 “Thou therefore, my son, **be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.** ² And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, **the same commit thou to faithful men,** who shall be able to **teach others also.** ³ Thou therefore **endure hardness,** as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴ No man that **warreth** entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. ⁵ And if a man also **strive for masteries,** yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. ⁶ The **husbandman** that laboureth **must be first partaker of the fruits.** ⁷ Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.”

First of all we need to settle in our minds: Are we a soldier of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Are we committed to the task or are we a bad soldier? Have we surrendered everything to the will of God and our hearts desire is “Not my will but your will God”?

Let's dissect this scripture with some questions:

1. What is Timothy to be strong in? v1

Ephesians 1:19 what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2. Is grace the only thing Timothy was to be strong in? v2

2 Timothy 1:13-14 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

3. What was Timothy to commit to faithful men? V 1 & 2

1 Timothy 4:6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

4. What were these faithful men to do with what was committed to them? V2

1 Timothy 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

5. What was Timothy to endure as a soldier? V3

2 Timothy 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

6. Was Timothy a soldier of Rome? V3

7. Who is Timothy in war against?

1 Timothy 1:8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

8. As a soldier of Jesus Christ what was Timothy and likewise ourselves not get involved with? V4

2 Peter 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

9. If we get involved with the affairs of this life will we please God?

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

10. If we strive for mastery, for perfecting ourselves as a soldier by checking off our do's and don'ts and living by the letter of the law will we receive a crown? V5

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous

judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

11. Timothy was to be a gardener for God and to pass on what he was taught and learned. With that being said look at verse six. Who is supposed to be a partaker or bearer of fruit first? V 6

1 Corinthians 9:23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

1 Corinthians 3:6-9 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

12. Who should have understanding of what Paul is saying? V7

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Luke 12:12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Now apply all this to your life like lotion or a salve.

[1 Corinthians 9:10](#), [2 Timothy 4:5](#), [Mark 16:15-18](#), [John 15:16](#), [Luke 4:18-19](#), [Mark 10:29-30](#) & [1 Corinthians 9:14](#)