The Soldier's Call 2 Timothy 2:1-14

Fighting Is Required In Warfare

- A. The Soldier's Source of Strength From God (2:1-3)
 - 1. Empowered by grace (2:1)
 - a. A recognition of the source Psalm 118:14
 - b. A resolution to use Ephesians 6:10
 - 2. Engaged in the battle (2:2)
 - a. We fight inclusively Galatians 6:2
 - b. We fight intelligently 1 Peter 5:8

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- A. The Soldier's Source of Strength From God (2:1-3) continued
 - 3. Enduring hardship is expected (2:3)
 - a. There is a risk of giving up

Isaiah 37:3

Psalm 16:8

b. There is reward awaiting James 1:12

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- B. The Soldier's Strategy Is Focus on the Mission (2:4-7)
 - 1. Free from worldly distractions (2:4)
 - a. Don't look Colossians 3:1-2
 - b. Don't linger James 1:14
 - 2. Fight with discipline (2:5)
 - a. Keep purpose 1 Corinthians 9:24
 - b. Keep personally 1 Corinthians 9:27

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- **B.** The Soldier's Strategy Is Focus on the Mission (2:4-7) continued
 - 3. Follow the rules of war (2:6-7)
 - a. Be invested (v 6)
 - b Be in tune (v 7)

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- C. The Soldier's Resolve Is Stay Faithful to the End (2:8-14)
 - 1. Remember the Commander (2:8-11)
 - a. His resurrection power (v 8)
 - b. His resilient power (v 9)
 - c. His reviving power (vv 10-11)
 - 2. Share in suffering (2:12) Romans 8:17

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- C. The Soldier's Resolve Is Stay Faithful to the End (2:8-14) continued
 - 3. Endure to the end (2:13-14)
 - a. In Christ's faithfulness (v 13) Hebrews 13:5
 - b. In your faithfulness (v 14) Revelation 2:10

The Worker's Way 2 Timothy 2:15-26

The right way to be a servant of God

I. Study Diligently (2:15)

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

I. Study Diligently (2:15)

- A. Study is the requirement
- Proverbs 2:2
- So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;
- B. Seek approval from God
- 1 Thessalonians 4:1
- Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

I. Study Diligently (2:15)

C. Support scripture

2 Timothy 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

II. Shun Worldly Distractions (2:16-18)

- A. Avoid fruitless talk (2:16)
- 2 Timothy 2:16-18
- But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.
- Ephesians 5:4
- Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

II. Shun Worldly Distractions (2:16-18)

- B. Avoid false teachers (2:17)
- 2 Timothy 2:17
- And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;
- 1 Timothy 1:6-7
- 6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;
- 7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

II. Shun Worldly Distractions (2:16-18)

- C. Affirm the foundation of your faith (2:18)
- 2 Timothy 2:18
- Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

Matthew 7:26

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

- A. Founded and focused on God (2:19)
- 2 Timothy 2:19
- Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.
- 1 Corinthians 3:13
- For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

- B. Functional to God (2 20-21)
 - 1. Our choice to make (v 20)
- 2 Timothy 2:20
- But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.
 - 2. A chance to minister (v 21)
- 2 Timothy 2:21
- If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

- C. Following God (2:22)
- 2 Timothy 2:22

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

- C. Following God (2:22)
 - 1. Depart iniquity
- **Ephesians 5:3**
- But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among, as becometh saints;
- **James 4:8**

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

- C. Following God (2:22)
 - 2. Desire indwelling
- Matthew 5:8
- Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- Psalm 51;10
- Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

- **A.** Avoid strife (2:23-24)
 - 1. The potential conflicts (v 23)
- 2 Timothy 2:23
- But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.
- **Titus 1:9**
- But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.
- **James 3:16**
- For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

- **A.** Avoid strife (2:23-24)
 - 2. The proper conduct (v 24)
- 2 Timothy 2:24
- And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,
- James 3:17-18
- 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
- 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

- B. Admonish in meekness (2:25-26)
- 2 Timothy 2:25-26
- 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
- 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

- B. Admonish in meekness (2:25-26)
 - 1. So they will realize error (v 25)
- Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

- B. Admonish in meekness (2:25-26) continued
 - 2. So they will repent (v 25)
 - 3. So they will recover (v 26)

James 5:19-20

- 19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;
- 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Are We Going The Right Way?