

Let's Worship God

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Monday - 2 Timothy 2:1-4 - Soldier of Christ

As our trials increase, we need to grow stronger and stronger in our faith, our resolution, and our love to God and Christ. But we must not try this in our own strength, instead we must be strong in strength from Christ.

Timothy must count upon sufferings, even unto blood, and therefore he must train up others to succeed him in the ministry of the gospel. He is to instruct them in what he has heard from Paul, and Paul has received from Christ. He is to commit this gospel to faithful men who are skilled and able at teaching others.

All Christians, but especially ministers, are soldiers of Jesus Christ; they fight under His banner, in His cause, and against His enemies. The soldiers of Christ must prove themselves good soldiers, faithful to their captain, resolute in His cause, and they must not give up fighting until they are made more than conquerors through Him who loved them. Those who would prove themselves good soldiers of Jesus Christ must endure suffering. We must expect it and count upon it in this world; we must endure it, and get used to it; and we must bear it patiently when it comes.

Timothy must not entangle himself in the affairs of this world. A soldier, when he has enlisted, leaves his former life behind, that he may follow his captain's orders. If we have given ourselves to be Christ's soldiers, we must sit loose to this world. Yes, we have work to do and must, of necessity, be involved in the affairs of this world. But we must not let these things divert us and draw us away from God and His Kingdom. We must remember that our work and our situations, whatever they are, are not an end in themselves but a means, first and foremost, to glorify God.

Questions

1. What can a Christian soldier expect?
2. Where do we get our strength?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that you would be a faithful soldier.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Praise: Psalm 7 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Tuesday - 2 Timothy 2:5-9 - Suffering for the Gospel

Timothy must see to it that in carrying on the spiritual warfare he does it the right way. In the same way that an athlete must follow the rules, we must do God's work God's way. Timothy must be willing to wait for a reward as the farmer is willing to wait for the fruits of his labour. We must work, we must run the race, and we must do it with diligence and patience before we can receive the prize and the fruits from our labour.

Paul wants Timothy to think about these things, and he prays that God will give him understanding. The most intelligent man in the world still needs God to open his eyes. We can understand with our head, but if we don't understand with our heart, we are lost.

To encourage Timothy, Paul reminds him of the resurrection of Christ. This is the great confirmation, the guarantee of the truth of Christianity, and it should spur us on to be faithful and encourage us in our suffering. We are to look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despised the shame, and has now sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. The incarnation and resurrection of Jesus Christ, truly believed and considered, will support a Christian under all sufferings in this present life.

Timothy also has Paul as an example. Paul suffers as a criminal, and Timothy should not expect any better treatment. Paul is a man who does good and yet suffers. We must not think it strange when those who do good are persecuted. But Paul has this comfort - that the Word of God is not bound. Persecuting powers may silence and restrain ministers, but they cannot stop the work of the Word of God upon men's hearts; that cannot be bound by any human force.

Questions

1. What must Timothy be willing to wait for?
2. What is Paul's comfort?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that the Word of God is not bound.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Praise: Psalm 8 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Wednesday - 2 Timothy 2:10-13 - Our Faithful God

Paul encourages Timothy by the fact that he is suffering on behalf of others. Good ministers may and should encourage themselves in the hardest services and the hardest sufferings, with this, that God will certainly bring good to His church, and benefit to His people, out of them. Next to the salvation of our own souls we should be willing to do and suffer anything to see the salvation of the souls of others. This salvation is in Christ Jesus, in Him as the fountain, the purchaser, and the giver of it; and it is accompanied with eternal glory.

Paul also encourages Timothy by reminding him of what they have to look forward to. Those who faithfully stick to Christ and His truth and ways, whatever it costs them, will certainly be blessed in Heaven. If, in conformity to Christ, we are dead to this world, its pleasures, profits, and honours, we shall go to live with Him in a better world, to be forever with Him. Even if we are called to suffer for Him here, we shall not lose by that. Those who suffer for Christ on earth shall reign with Christ in Heaven.

It is at our peril if we are unfaithful to Him. If we deny Him before man, He will deny us before His Father. And those whom Christ denies will face the wrath and curse of God. God is faithful to His warnings and faithful to His promises. If we are faithful to Christ, He will certainly be faithful to us. If we are false to Him, He will be faithful to His warning.

Questions

1. Who is Paul suffering on behalf of?
2. What is the reward of those who are faithful?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for Christians being persecuted in other countries.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Praise: Psalm 9 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Thursday - 2 Timothy 2:14-18 - A Diligent Workman

Timothy must remind those in the church of the gospel and God's faithful promises. He is to tell the congregation not to quarrel about words. Those who want to fight, usually pick a fight over very small things. Arguing over words - what he said, what she said, etc. is very destructive to the things of God. It divides the church, and it presents a bad testimony to the unbelievers in the world who are watching. But sadly, arguing over words is something that all men and women are prone to do.

Ministers have work to do, and they must be diligent in it. Workmen that are unskillful, unfaithful, or lazy have reason to be ashamed, but those who mind their business and keep to their work do not need to be ashamed. What is their work? It is to rightly handle the Word of truth. They are not to invent a new gospel but to be faithful in presenting the gospel committed to their trust. They are to warn those who need to be warned and comfort those who need to be comforted.

Timothy must watch out for those things that are going to hinder him in his work. He must avoid false teaching. The way of false teaching is always down hill. One thing being accepted, a thousand more false things follow. When false teaching comes into the church, the infecting of one often ends up being the infecting of many. Paul names two of these false teachers who are attacking one of the key doctrines of Christianity. They don't deny the resurrection, but they say it has already happened in some mystical, allegorical sense. In essence they are denying the reality of Heaven and Hell, and not surprisingly this is shaking the faith of other Christians. If there is no Heaven and no Hell, our Christian life and faith is pointless and unnecessary. Yet this false teaching persists even today.

Questions

1. What is Timothy to do?
2. What is the danger of false teaching?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the real hope we have of Heaven.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Praise: Psalm 10 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Friday - 2 Timothy 2:19-22 - Vessels of Gold

It can be a great comfort to us that the unbelief of men cannot destroy the promises of God. Though some do not believe and others are shaken in their faith, God's firm foundation stands. All the attacks which the powers of darkness have made upon the doctrine of Christ cannot shake it. The Lord knows those who are His, and those who are not. He will never lose them. No one can overthrow the faith of any whom God has chosen. But those who name the name of Christ must depart from iniquity.

Another thing that can comfort us is that though there are some who show that they never really had any faith, yet there are others who keep their faith and hold it fast. In the church of God there are some who claim to be Christians who are like the vessels of wood and clay, they are vessels of dishonour. But at the same time all are not vessels of dishonour; there are vessels of gold and silver, vessels of honour, that are set apart as holy for the Master's use. Some dishonour the church by their corruption and wicked lives; and others honour it by how they speak and behave. When we are discouraged by the badness of some, we must encourage ourselves by thinking of the goodness of others. If we want to be a vessel of honour, we must put sin to death so that we will be holy and useful to God.

Paul tells Timothy to beware of youthful passions. These are very dangerous and war against the soul. The more we follow what is good, the faster and the further we shall flee from what is evil. Righteousness, faith, love, and peace are excellent antidotes against youthful passions. Holy love will cure impure lust. Spending time with other believers also helps to turn us away from spending time with what is evil. Paul makes clear that Christians are those who call on Christ, but those who call on Christ from a pure heart, a heart that has been washed clean by the blood of Christ.

Questions

1. Can God's truth be shaken?
2. What helps us to flee what is evil?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for godly men and women in the church.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Praise: Psalm 11 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



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Saturday - 2 Timothy 2:23-26 - Gentle Instruction

Paul warns Timothy again about getting caught up in arguing over foolish and ignorant things. Instead of fighting with his opponents, he is to be gentle and meek and strive to teach and instruct them. Instruction is the Biblical way of dealing with those who are wrong. This instruction is to be done in meekness, for our Lord was meek, and as His servants we should imitate Him in this. This is the way to convey truth in its light and power and to overcome evil with good.

The goal of this instruction is recovery, repentance, and acknowledging of the truth. Notice that repentance is God's gift. This keeps us from despair over those who have wandered from the truth, for we know that God can do all things, change any heart, and open anyone's eyes. But we are not to presume, for it is a gift. It is up to God, whether or not He will bring any to repentance. If it was up to us, we would continue in rebellion, but God, by His grace and mercy, can change hearts.

Unrepentant sinners are slaves to the worst of task masters. They are taken in a snare, and it is the worst snare because it is the devil's. But when they repent they are set free from this snare. When sinners repent, those who before were led captive by the devil at his will come to be led into the glorious liberty of the children of God, and have their wills melted into the will of the Lord Jesus.

Questions

1. What should Timothy do with those who oppose him?
2. What is Timothy's goal in instructing sinners?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Praise: Psalm 12 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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