

A Soldier, an Athlete and a Farmer Walk Onto a Field...

Fixer Upper: Part 8

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You, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the concerns of civilian life; he seeks to please the recruiter. Also, if anyone competes as an athlete, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer ought to be the first to get a share of the crops.

2 Timothy 2:1-6

**Faithfulness has very little to do with _____
and everything to do with _____ - _____.**

HOW DO I GROW GOD'S FAITHFULNESS?

1. Stay On _____

No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the concerns of civilian life; he seeks to please the recruiter.

2 Timothy 2:4

I suffer for it to the point of being bound like a criminal, but God's message is not bound. This is why I endure all things for the elect: so that they also may obtain salvation, which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy:

*For if we have died with Him,
we will also live with Him;
if we endure, we will also reign with Him;
if we deny Him, He will also deny us;
if we are faithless, He remains faithful,
for He cannot deny Himself.*

2 Timothy 2:9-13

God's faithfulness is tied to God's _____

Keep your attention on Jesus Christ as risen from the dead and descended from David.

2 Timothy 2:8

The Lord's slave must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone, able to teach, and patient, instructing his opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of the truth. Then they may come to their senses and escape the Devil's trap, having been captured by him to do his will.

2 Timothy 2:24-26

2. Follow the _____

[An athlete] is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

2 Timothy 2:5

*The Lord knows those who are His, and
Everyone who names the name of the Lord must turn away from unrighteousness.*

Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver bowls, but also those of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. So if anyone purifies himself from anything dishonorable, he will be a special instrument, set apart, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

Flee from youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. But reject foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they breed quarrels. The Lord's slave must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone, able to teach, and patient, instructing his opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Timothy 2:19-25

3. Trust the _____

The hardworking farmer ought to be the first to get a share of the crops.

2 Timothy 2:6

*For if we have died with Him, we will also live with Him;
if we endure, we will also reign with Him...*

2 Timothy 2:11

"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Matthew 25:21 NIV

Faithfulness Audit

- What has God given me to use?
- Where am I staying on mission and where am I not?
- How well am I following the gameplan?

* All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted