

ESSENTIALS FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICE

II Timothy 2:1-7

Intro:

- A. Timothy was admonished to:
 - 1. "Hold fast the form of sound words..." 1:13
 - 2. "Keep...that good thing..." 1:14
- B. These are necessary, but there are other things that are essential to effective service.
 - 1. These are especially true for Timothy.
 - 2. These are applicable to all Christians.

I. Timothy Is To Be Strong. Vs 1

- A. "Thou therefore, my son, be strong..."
 - 1. "Strong" = ενδυναμω = "to strengthen in"
 - 2. "...be empowering thyself".
- B. "...in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."
 - 1. "...by means of the grace that is in..." - BER
 - 2. "In the help which comes from union with..." - TENT

II. Timothy Must Commit. Vs 2

- A. "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses,..."
 - 1. "Heard" = ακουω = "to be informed".
 - 2. "Witnesses" = μαρτυς = "one who has information of a thing, and can therefore give information or confirm a thing".
 - 3. "Everything that you have heard me teach in the presence of many listeners."
- B. "...the same commit thou to faithful men,..."
 - 1. "Commit" = παριτιθημι = "to place to another's trust", "to commit for safe keeping".
 - 2. "Faithful" = πιστος = "one on whom we may rely".

- C. "...who shall be able to teach others also."
 1. "Able" = ἰκανος = "coming to", "competent".
 2. "Teach" = διδάξαι = "to teach".
 3. "Who will be competent of teaching others".

III. Timothy Must Endure. Vs 3-4

- A. Vs 3 "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."
 1. "Endure hardness" = συγκακοπαθεω = "to suffer evil together", "to take one's share of rough treatment".
 2. "Accept your share of suffering".
 3. "As a true soldier", "a loyal soldier".
- B. Vs 4 "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life;..."
 1. "Warreth" = στρατευομαι = "to be a soldier".
 2. "Entangleth" = εμπλεκω = "to entangle one's self"
 The word pictures a soldier's weapon caught in his cloak".
 3. "Affairs" = πραγματεια = "business".
 4. "No soldier in active service" - NASB
 5. "...in the business affairs of life" - WMS
- C. "...that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."
 1. "Please" = αρεσκω = "to please", "to satisfy"
 2. "Chosen to be a soldier" = στρατολογεω = "to collect an army", "a general who enlists his own soldiers".

IV. Timothy Must Strive Lawfully. Vs 5

- A. "And if a man also strive for masteries..."
 1. "Strive" = αθλεω = "to compete in a contest".
 2. "And if any man takes part in an athletic contest".
- B. "...yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully."

1. "Crowned" = στεφανωω = "to crown one with a victor's crown".
2. "Lawfully" = νομιμως = "lawfully".
3. "He does not get the crown if he has not kept the rules" - BAS

V. Timothy Must Be A Partaker. Vs 6

A. "The husbandman that laboreth..."

1. "Husbandman" = γεωργος = "tilling the ground", "a farmer".
2. "Laboureth" = κοπιωω = "to beat out", "to weary one's self with toil".
3. "The hard working farmer..." - NASB

B. "...must be first partaker of the fruits."

1. "Partaker" = μεταλαμβανω = "to take a part or share of anything in association with others".
2. "Fruits" = καρπος = "produce", "result".
3. "Ought to be the first to share the crop".
4. A good soldier does not take his living from an outside source. He endures the difficulty of living on a soldier's pay. This was probably difficult for Timothy. He must start letting God's people support him and get into the battle. This would be necessary if he came to Rome.

VI. Timothy Must Consider. Vs 7

A. "Consider what I say;..."

1. "Consider" = νοεω = "to perceive", "to think", "to mark".
2. "Grasp the sense of what I am telling you".

B. "...and the Lord give the understanding in all things."

1. "Understanding" = συνεσις = "insight".
2. "...will help you to full understanding" - NEB

