II Timothy #5

“A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus”

Intro: Having encouraged Timothy to ______ be ___________ of the gospel of Jesus Christ now, in this second chapter, Paul instructs him in what unashamed worshipful ministry consists of, how it is be lived and practiced.

I. The _______ to ____________ service.

A. ___________ : The strength by which we actively fulfill our duty to God is gained from the _____________ that is in Christ Jesus.

1. We can be empowered in the grace that is in Christ Jesus for we have a true knowledge of His _________. To be ______________ we must recall and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ and God’s saving grace toward us who believe.

B. ________________ : From Christ Jesus to the disciples (Matt. 28:18-20) and to Paul (I Cor. 15:1-8); from Paul to Timothy (I Tim. 1:18, 2 Tim. 1:14); from Timothy to faithful men (II Tim. 2:2); from faithful men to others also (II Tim. 2:2); and from others also ___ ___ today (Ro. 15:4), we who trust in Jesus are entrusted with the gospel that we should make disciples. We have the authority ___ ____________ handed down to us from Christ Himself.

C. ________________ : We are to suffer willingly for the sake of Christ. The willingness to suffer affliction comes from our knowledge of the ______________ we have in Christ Jesus. The spiritual strength by which we endure affliction flows from our faith in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

1. We are to willingly suffer affliction as a good ____________ ________!
We whom God caused to be born again are enlisted in Christ’s campaign and being good soldiers we must by faith in Him and His provision for our daily need, be whole-heartedly committed to going and doing as He orders. We must be good soldiers who willing suffer hardship for Him who laid down His life for us! We must serve to with one thing on our mind: ______________ our High and Holy __________________!
2. We are to willingly suffer affliction as an ____________! We must train and buffet ourselves in self-denial and service to ____________, competing according to the _______ of His Word.

3. We are to willingly suffer affliction as an _____culturalist! We are to actively involve ourselves in the suffering of the hard work of ministry, patiently passing the gospel on one to another, being encouraged in the knowledge that in due season we will reap our _____________. We labor in _________ in God!

D. _________________: As we consider the Word before us _____ will cause us to apprehend the truth and application of it.

1. Those who draw their strength from the _________ that is in Christ Jesus, and serve in the authority of Christ, come to willingly suffer hardship for His name sake. These serve Him as _________ soldiers, competent athletes, and patient farmers; and to them God grants understanding in everything. These are those who live lives that are ____________________ of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Closing: Believe in Jesus today! _________ Him as Your Lord and Master! Do not be afraid but courageously answer His call to active duty. Live a life of great meaning and purpose by carrying the gospel to others. Be willing to suffer as His good soldier, as a good athlete and a good farmer. You can do this for God demonstrated His love and grace toward you through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus. ________________ in Jesus and you will ________ for Jesus.

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