

Encouragements & Motivations to Faithful Ministry 2 Tim 2: 8-13 (I)

- Paul's concern for Timothy: be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus
- To pass on the Gospel witness he heard from Paul and many witness
- To pass the Gospel on to "faithful men": *anthrapos*- faithful people
- To suffer with Paul and endure as a good soldier of Jesus Christ
 - 1) A soldier: Timothy was called to war- under his master Jesus Christ
 - 2) An athlete: He was to strive according to Gospel rules
 - 3) A farmer: He was to be a partaker of what he was proclaiming
- Timothy: think on these things & the Lord would give understanding

I. Motivation #1: the Preeminence of Christ (2:8)

- Remember Jesus Christ – Timothy, remember who you serve as I do
- Jesus – given a body. The Christ, the Messiah: the seed of David
- My Gospel: God had appointed Him to bear the Gospel: Gal 1:12

II. Motivation #2: The Word of God Is Not Bound (2:10)

- Paul suffers hardship, bound as an evil doer – (but he is not bound)
- The Word of God- the Gospel is not bound
- It will triumph (Isa 40:8; 55:11; Phil. 1:12–14; & 2 Tim. 4:17)

III. Motivation #3: The Purpose / Goal of Gospel Labor (2:11)

- Paul endures all things for the sake of the elect – God's chosen people
- Obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus
- With eternal glory