

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching out to leaders who can change the world.

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PAUL'S LAST WORDS: MULTIPLY!

INTRODUCTION

Who have you tried to emulate in your spiritual life?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Note: The words "go forth" literally mean "to take to the field as a soldier." This was Timothy's enlistment. Every Christian is already a soldier in God's army; it is just that some troops are loyal and some are not. We have been "enrolled" (chosen, v. 4) by Christ, the Captain of our salvation, and we must take our orders from Him.¹

1. Why does Paul encourage Timothy to "be strong in grace"? v. 1
2. How is Timothy to ensure that the message of Christ will live on? Why is this effective? v. 2
3. What does it mean to be "reliable?" "Qualified"? v. 2
4. What does the example of a good soldier have to do with the Christian life? Vv 3- 4
5. How does a soldier limit himself? Why? v. 4
6. What must an athlete do to win? verse 5; 1 Corinthians 9:25-27
7. Are there "rules" for the Christian prize? Explain
8. What should a hardworking farmer receive? Why? v. 6
9. What keeps Paul going in spite of his suffering? Vv 8-10
10. What (& who) helps you when you suffer?
11. How does persevering in spite of suffering impact spiritual multiplication?
12. Who are the "elect"? v. 10
13. What role does God's faithfulness play in spiritual multiplication? v. 13

EVALUATION/APPLICATION

- What emphasis does multiplication play in your Christian journey?
- Which image is more applicable to your life right now? Soldier? Athlete? Farmer? Why?

One of the first verses of Scripture that Dawson Trotman, founder of the Navigators, encouraged me to memorize was 2 Timothy 2:2. This is like a mathematical formula for spreading the gospel and enlarging the church. Paul taught Timothy; Timothy shared what he knew with faithful men; these faithful men would then teach others also. And so the process goes on and on. If every believer followed this pattern, the church could reach the entire world in one generation! Mass crusades, in which I believe and to which I have committed my life will never finish the Great Commission; but a one-to-one ministry will.

Billy Graham

¹ Wiersbe, W. W. (1992). *Wiersbe's expository outlines on the New Testament* (p. 645). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.