

Practice text:

2 Timothy 2:1-26

You then, my son,
be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

² And the things you have heard me say
in the presence of many witnesses
entrust to reliable men
who will also be qualified to teach others.

³ Endure hardship with us
like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.
⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs
-- he wants to please his commanding officer.
⁵ Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete,
he does not receive the victor's crown
unless he competes according to the rules.
⁶ The hardworking farmer should be the first
to receive a share of the crops.
⁷ Reflect on what I am saying,
for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ,
raised from the dead,
descended from David.

This is my gospel,

⁹ for which I am suffering
even to the point of being chained like a criminal.
But God's word is not chained.

¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything
for the sake of the elect,
that they too may obtain the salvation
that is in Christ Jesus,
with eternal glory.

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¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying:
If we died with him,
we will also live with him;
¹² if we endure,
we will also reign with him.
If we disown him,
he will also disown us;
¹³ if we are faithless,
he will remain faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

¹⁴ Keep reminding them of these things.
Warn them before God against quarreling about words;
it is of no value,
and only ruins those who listen.

¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God
as one approved,
a workman who does not need to be ashamed
and who correctly handles the word of truth.

¹⁶ Avoid godless chatter,
because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.

¹⁷ Their teaching will spread like gangrene.
Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,
¹⁸ who have wandered away from the truth.

They say that the resurrection has already taken place,
and they destroy the faith of some.

¹⁹ Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm,
sealed with this inscription:

"The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone
who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away
from wickedness."

²⁰ In a large house there are articles
not only of gold and silver,
but also of wood and clay;
some are for noble purposes
and some for ignoble.



²¹ If a man cleanses himself from the latter,
he will be an instrument for noble purposes,
made holy,
useful to the Master
and prepared to do any good work.

²² Flee the evil desires of youth,
and pursue
righteousness,
faith,
love
and peace,
along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

²³ Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments,
because you know they produce quarrels.

²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not quarrel;
instead, he must be kind to everyone,
able to teach,
not resentful.

²⁵ Those who oppose him
he must gently instruct,
in the hope that God will grant them repentance
leading them to a knowledge of the truth,
²⁶ and that they will come to their senses
and escape from the trap of the devil,
who has taken them captive to do his will.