

**Passing the Torch
A Life Worth Living
2 Timothy 2:1-13**

Introduction

When Paul writes this letter, he is back in prison at Rome. However, this time Paul is not just under house arrest; we find him chained in a cold, damp Roman cell with no hope of getting out alive. (4: 3)

1. Paul pens this final letter to _____, which many consider as his last will and testament.
2. Paul knew Timothy would need boundless strength to endure in his work as pastor of the church in _____.
3. Paul is probably considering his own life and legacy as he reaches out to give Timothy vital tips that make your life worth _____.
4. Paul wants Timothy to develop a credible and enduring _____ as a follower of Christ.
5. First, Paul advises Timothy to be strong in the _____ of Christ.

I. Be Strong In Grace

6. Paul is not suggesting that Timothy must _____ to be strong in grace.
7. The literal translation is, "_____ yourself to be strengthened by others."
8. We need lots of encouragement and grace from others to remain steadfast in the _____.

9. The strength of grace is essential to a _____ and secure Christian life.
10. Don't ever refuse God's offer of grace!! _____ it, even if it comes to you through the hands of others.

II. Choose Faithful Servants

11. Paul's second piece of advice is to choose _____ servants.
12. Keep in mind Paul is passing the torch of _____ to the next generation.
13. Paul reminds Timothy that he must _____ the gospel to other faithful servants who, in turn, will be able to teach it to others.
14. Paul mentions four generations of believers. We call this the spiritual law of _____.
15. The succession of faith only works because of the _____ of those willing to commit the message of Christ into the hands of other faithful servants.
16. Paul tells Timothy to look for those who are faithful, available, and _____. It's our job to find them, teach them, train them, and then turn them loose.

III. Learn To Persevere

17. Paul's third piece of advice is found in verse 3, "You, therefore, must _____ hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." (2 Timothy 2:3)

Paul offers three images of perseverance in verses four through seven.

18. First, Timothy must adopt the attitude of a _____ who plans and expects that hardship will be a part of the mission.
19. Paul also uses the image of an _____ to illustrate perseverance.
20. The third image Paul uses to describe perseverance is the hardworking _____. In verse 6, he says, "The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops."
21. _____ is an absolute necessity for those who plan to obtain the crown for a life worth living.
22. The soldier, the athlete, and the farmer are each illustration of _____.

IV. Remember Your Freedom in Christ

23. In verse 8, Paul writes, "_____ that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel."
24. In his letter to the Romans he wrote, "Jesus Christ our Lord, was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the _____ from the dead."
25. The only eternal hope in the world is the hope _____ offers.

Our freedom from life's addictions and vices rests upon the redemptive and rescuing work of Christ on the Cross.

Conclusion

Verse 11 is one of five "_____ sayings" found in the Pastoral epistles.

The statements made in the faithful saying are all _____ .

- If we die with Him, we shall live with him.
- If we endure with Him, we will reign with Him.
- If we deny Him, He will deny us!
- If we are faithless, He remains faithful.

26. There are many people right now who need faith and hope for their _____.

Without faith, it is impossible to please God! (Hebrews 11:6) Faithful servants will always choose a life worth living!

ANSWERS

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| 1. Timothy | 19. Athlete |
| 2. Ephesus | 20. Farmer |
| 3. Living | 21. Perseverance |
| 4. Witness | 22. Perseverance |
| 5. Grace | 23. Remembers |
| 6. Work | 24. Resurrection |
| 7. Allow | 25. Jesus |
| 8. Faith | |
| 9. Stable | |
| 10. Accept | |
| 11. Faithful | |
| 12. Faith | |
| 13. Commit | |
| 14. Multiplication | |
| 15. Faithfulness | |
| 16. Teachable | |
| 17. Endure | |
| 18. Soldier | |