

REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST

2 Timothy 2:1-26

Key Verse: 2:8,9

* BE STRONG IN THE GRACE OF JESUS (1-13)

1. Read verse 1. What is the grace that is in Christ Jesus? (See 1Ti 1:15; 1Co 15:10)
How can one be strong in this grace?
2. To whom should the gospel and the task of proclaiming it be entrusted? (2)
Why does Paul say "reliable" or "faithful" (RSV) instead of able or talented?
3. Read verses 3-4. Why does he compare Christians to soldiers (Eph 6:12)?
What are the characteristics of a good soldier? What are civilian pursuits? How can we please our commanding officer, Jesus?
4. In what respect should a Christian follow the example of a competing athlete?

(5) What is the hope of the hardworking farmer? How are Christians like this?

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5. What must we do when we encounter hardships? Read verses 8-9. What was Paul's example? What does he mean by "God's word is not chained"?

6. Read verses 10-13. When Paul remembered Jesus, what did he realize about God's way of working? What was his assurance?

* BE AN EXCELLENT BIBLE TEACHER (14-26)

7. What must one do to become an excellent Bible teacher? (15) What is "godless chatter"? How can one avoid it? (14,16) What warning did Paul give about Hymenaeus and Philetus? Why was their teaching dangerous? (16-18)

8. Read verses 18-19. What is the Christian's best defense against godless and false teaching? Why?

9. Read verses 20-21. How is this large house a parable of a church? What can we learn from these verses? How can we be instruments ready for the Master's use?

10. Read verses 22-26. From what should the Christian flee? What should he pursue? How should the Lord's servant handle those who oppose him or want to argue and criticize? What is his prayer topic for them?