

**PREPARING FOR WHAT’S AHEAD**

**2 Timothy 2:1-7**

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

2 Timothy 2:1 NIV.

*9But he* (God) *said to me* (Paul)*, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. … 10…For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 NIV.

* **I need to and not my own strength.**

*…being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience…*

Colossians 1:11 NIV.

*If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 4:11 NIV.

*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.*

2 Timothy 2:2 NIV.

* **Disciples make disciples. (2:2:2)**

**Learning from soldiers:**

*Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.*

2 Timothy 2:3 NIV.

* **As a follower of Jesus, I need to be .**

*No-one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs - he wants to please his commanding officer.*

2 Timothy 2:4 NIV.

* **As a follower of Jesus, I need to be .**

**Learning from athletes:**

*Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules.*

2 Timothy 2:5 NIV.

*Then he* (Jesus) *said to them all: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.*

Luke 9:23 NIV

* **As a follower of Jesus, I need to be .**

**Learning from farmers:**

*The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.*

2 Timothy 2:6 NIV.

* **As a follower of Jesus, I need to .**

*Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.*

2 Timothy 2:7 NIV.