



“Raking is easy, but all you get is leaves; digging is hard, but you might find diamonds.”

- John Piper

Recap:

(1:1-5) Paul writes t(w)o Timothy: *Giving what's been given*

- Do you have intentional spiritually edifying relationships?

(1:6-14) *Do not be ashamed of the gospel*

- Are you actively involved in making Jesus known?

(1:15-18) *Don't desert*

- Do you take the truth seriously?

2 Timothy 2:1-13: Basic Information for Gospel Workers

Pause the recording and put verse 1 in your own words. How would you explain this verse to someone? How do you obey it?

Requirements (vs3-7)

Endure hardship:

- Soldier (v4) – don't get distracted
- Athlete (v5) – don't cheat
- Farmer (v6) – don't be lazy

Reassurance (vs8-13)

Three pictures:

- The life of Jesus
- Paul's own experience
- A trustworthy saying

Pause the recording and consider what the trustworthy saying adds to the other two pictures?

Two couplets:

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| 1) | Died with him | = live with Him | } | Encouragement of reward |
| | Endure | = reign with Him | | |
| 2) | Disown him | = disowned by Him | } | Warning of judgment |
| | Faithless | = God will remain faithful | | |
| | | we will face judgment | | |

Questions

- How would you use these verses to warn someone who is not taking obedience seriously?
- How do these words encourage you when facing hardship for your Christian witness?