

There Are No Shortcuts in the Christian Life

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Our _____ comes from God's _____ and we have _____ to this grace because of Jesus Christ

2 Timothy 2:1

-The _____ to _____ comes only by God's _____
1 Corinthians 15:10

What do _____ need _____ for?

1. Strength to _____ the _____
2 Timothy 2:2

2. Strength to _____ for the _____
2 Timothy 2:3a, 1:8

Two types of _____ for the _____

1. _____ suffering for the gospel

Three helpful images of _____ suffering

▪ A Good _____ - Stays _____ and is not _____
2 Timothy 2:3-4

▪ An _____ - Has _____ - _____
2 Timothy 2:5, 4:7-8

▪ A _____ Farmer - Practices _____
2 Timothy 2:6

Momentary _____ (denial of self) is _____ that a person is a true believer

2 Timothy 2:7

2. _____ imposed suffering for the gospel

Why do _____ experience this kind of _____?

-The world hates _____ and His _____ (the gospel)
John 15:18-19

_____ for the _____ is part of the Christian life BUT it is not _____ in _____

Two _____ life examples

1. _____ suffered BUT not in vain
2 Timothy 2:8a

2. _____ suffered BUT not in vain
2 Timothy 2:8-9a, 3:12, 2:9b-10

Paul sums up this teaching by leaving Timothy with an early church _____

2 Timothy 2:11-13

Application

1. How do you show in your life that you are relying on God for strength?
2. Are you passing on the gospel that was passed to you? When was the last time you shared the gospel with someone?
3. How are you showing others that you love the Lord more than you love your life, your things, and your time?