

“Stay the Course”

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2 Timothy 2:1-7 “You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 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. Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs - he wants to please his commanding officer. Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor’s crown unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all of this.”

John 10:10 “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

2 Timothy 2:1 “Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus”

Benefits to the Grace:

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| Saved by grace | Eph. 2:8-9 |
| Forgiving by grace | Isa. 43:25 |
| Sustained by grace | Phil. 2:13 |
| Liberated by grace | Matt. 11:28-30 |
| Transformed by grace | Rom. 12:2 |

Four Marks of the Spiritually Strong Christian

1. _____.

(vs. 2) “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.”

They will be _____.

2. _____.

(vs. 3 &4) “Endure hardships with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs - he wants to please his commanding officer.”

They will be _____.

3. _____.

(vs. 5) “Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor’s crown unless he competes according to the rules.”

They will have _____.

4. _____.

(vs. 6) “The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.”

They will be _____.

“Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus”