

## Sunday Worship 11-7-21

### Sermon: Be Strong!

TEXT for Today:

2 Timothy 2:1-4

1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

BE A VETERAN FOR GOD:

1. We are to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. 2 Timothy 2:1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
- b. John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

BE A VETERAN FOR GOD:

2. We are to be strong in \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. 2 Timothy 2:1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
- b. 2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.
- c. 2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

BE A VETERAN FOR GOD:

3. We are to be strong in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. 2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
- b. Psalm 119:28 My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to Your word.
- c. 2 Thessalonians 2:15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOLDIERS OF GOD:

1. \_\_\_\_\_: Pushing through hardships, difficulties.
  - a. 2 Timothy 2:3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
  - b. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOLDIERS OF GOD:

2. \_\_\_\_\_: In warfare against the enemy.
  - a. 2 Timothy 2:4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.
  - b. Ephesians 6:10-13 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [b]the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOLDIERS OF GOD:

3. \_\_\_\_\_: Distraction from purpose.
  - a. 2 Timothy 2:4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.
  - b. 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. 2 And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. 4 We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. 5 May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.
  - c. Philippians 3:8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.
  - d. You don't find God's \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOLDIERS OF GOD:

4. \_\_\_\_\_: Called by God.

a. 2 Timothy 2:4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

b. When God calls you to \_\_\_\_\_, no \_\_\_\_\_ can \_\_\_\_\_ it!

Conclusion:

We endure by engaging the warfare according to God's Word.

We untangle the messes of life by being strong through God's grace and His Word.

We realize God has enlisted us to duty—purpose!

Reflection:

Remember, there are two types of freedom—physical and spiritual—this advice from God's Word will help you live in both!