

## 2 Timothy Chapter 2, How can we endure our suffering?

### Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

1. Suffer/Endure, God is urging Timothy to endure, to stay strong in the favor/support he has in Christ Jesus, 2:1. Timothy must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ; soldiers leave civilian life behind, otherwise they can't please the commander who enlisted them, 2:3-4. An athlete who competes isn't crowned unless he competes according to the rules, 2:5. The hard-working farmer is the first to partake of his crops, 2:6. Paul endures suffering to the point of imprisonment for preaching the Gospel of Christ's resurrection; but God's Word isn't chained, 2:8-9. Paul endures all suffering for the sake of the elect so that they will also obtain the salvation that's in Christ Jesus, the one who comes with eternal glory, 2:10. If we endure suffering, we'll reign with Christ; if we deny Him our endurance, He'll deny us reigning with Him, 2:12. We must show God that we're not ones who'll be ashamed, but who correctly and accurately study, interpret, and teach God's Word; who aren't sidetracked, but instead avoid profane and idle babblings, since all they do is multiply ungodliness, 2:15-16. (other places this appears: 1:7-8, 10-12).
2. Jesus, Timothy must stand strong in the favor/support that Jesus will provide him, 2:1. Timothy must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, 2:3. Timothy must carefully meditate on what Paul is saying; if he does, the Lord will give him understanding in all these things, 2:7. Timothy must remember that Jesus Christ, the son of King David, was raised from the dead exactly as the Gospel says, 2:8. Paul endures all suffering for the sake of the elect, so that they too may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, the one who comes with eternal glory, 2:10. Timothy must remind those in Ephesus of everything Paul is telling him; he must charge them before the Lord not to fight over words which is useless and ruins the listeners, 2:14. God's foundation stands and it has these words stamped on it: "The Lord knows those who are His," and "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity," 2:19. Timothy must flee youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart, 2:22. A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who stand in opposition, 2:24-25 (other places this appears: 1:1, 2, 8, 9, 9-10, 10-12, 13).
3. Living by and spreading what Jesus said, His Goodnews, Timothy must find men who are faithful to the Lord, to whom he can pass on what Paul has taught and showed him, and who can then pass it on to future generations, 2:2. Paul continued living by and spreading what Jesus said, His Goodnews, even though it meant imprisonment, 2:8-9. Everyone who names the name of Christ must depart from iniquity and live by what Jesus said, 2:19. Those who serve the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle and patient; they must comprehend God's Word enough to use it to teach others. In humility, they'll be able correct those who oppose God and thereby God will grant them repentance so that they will come to their senses, turn to God's truth, and escape from the Devil's lies, 2:24-26 (other places this appears: 1:1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 10-11, 12, 15-18).