

2 Timothy

Learning to Finish Well

2 Timothy 2:1-7, Philippians 3:3-4,
Philippians 3:5-10

Be Rooted In Christ's Grace

- Paul knows Timothy is facing plenty of challenging circumstances and people.
- You do not have to find your security and strength in proving anything.
- When we wake up each day and try to prove our own merit, we are depending on something that we can never fulfill.
- God has already provided, so if we choose to find our confidence in the grace of Christ then we have a source of strength that no person or circumstance can take away.

Invest In Others

- At the end of our earthly lives, it will not be our possessions that matter; it will be the difference we made in other people's lives.
- Paul understood that lives are natural networks with families and friends.
- Paul understood the exponential power of one.
- Paul urges us to pass on what we learn in any way we might share it.
- The average person influences 10,000 people throughout their lifetime.

Accept What Is Required To Fulfill What Matters Most

- Paul doesn't want Timothy to suffer but be accepting of what is required to fulfill what matters most.
- We should embrace that which we are now part of, an eternal kingdom.
- It is worth embracing the rules so that what we achieve is legitimate.
- God calls us to work the field of our own lives.

Conclusion

- Paul says, “I am now chained like a criminal, but God’s Word is not chained.”
- They may chain the messenger, they may even kill the messenger, but you cannot stop the Gospel message.
- Paul was killed within weeks, silenced, by the empire to end all empires, and here we are 2,000 years later gathering around the Gospel he shared.
- God is unstoppable!