

2 TIMOTHY: LESSON 3

II. PAUL'S EXHORTATION: THERE IS REWARD FOR SUFFERING HARDSHIP (2:1-13)

- A. As Paul's child, receive strength in God's grace and teach faithful men the things heard from Paul (v. 1-2).
- B. As a good soldier, serve wholeheartedly to please the commander (v. 3-4).
- C. As an athlete, contend lawfully to be crowned (v. 5).
- D. As a diligent farmer, partake firsts of fruit produced (v. 6).
- E. By considering matters, the Lord will give understanding (v. 7).
- F. Remember the message of the Gospel: the risen Christ (v. 8).
- G. Paul suffers and endures for the elect's sake – the Word is not bound (v. 9-10).
- H. Faithful sayings: (v. 11-13)
 - 1. If we have died with Him – we shall live with Him.
 - 2. If we endure – we will reign with Him.
 - 3. If we deny Him – He will deny us.
 - 4. If we are faithless – He abides faithful- He cannot deny Himself.

QUESTIONS

- 1. What should be a source of strength to the Christian?
- 2. What was Timothy to commit to others?
- 3. Who are the "faithful men?"
- 4. What does serving God as a soldier demand?
- 5. How is the faithful Christian like a crowned athlete?

6. What encouragement does the faithful Christian receive from the diligent husbandman?
7. How will the Lord supply “*understanding*” to Timothy?
8. What was Timothy to remember that would be encouraging to a suffering Christian?
9. Paul was suffering hardship as a _____.
10. What was not being bound while Paul was a prisoner?
11. Explain “*why*” Paul endured his hardship:
12. Who will live with Christ?
13. What is the blessing of enduring?
14. Who will the Lord deny?
15. What CANNOT the Lord do?