



Robust Commitment

Better Disciples - Part 3 of 4
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Big Idea: A “better disciple” embraces a robust commitment to the disciplines of an elite spiritual athlete, along with the patience of a faithful farmer who waits patiently for the harvest to come.

Text: 2 Timothy 2:1-10

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 the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. - 2 Timothy 2:1-10

Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete ... - 2 Timothy 2:5a

I. A DISCIPLE LIVES ACCORDING TO THE RULES.

Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor’s crown unless he competes according to the rules. - 2 Timothy 2:5

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. - 2 Timothy 2:2

II. A DISCIPLE WORKS IN PARTNERSHIP.

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. - Hebrews 12:1 {NASV}

The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. - 2 Timothy 2:6

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. - Galatians 6:9

MEMORY VERSE

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

GALATIANS 6:9 (NLT)