

## **2Timothy**

### **"Courageous Ministry in Dark Times"**

**Theme: Paul's Practical Appeal - 2Timothy 2**

**Lesson 2: Know Who You Are and What You Do – part 1**

**Text: 2Timothy 2:1-26**

#### **Introduction**

1. Paul did not want Timothy to have an identity crisis, so he carefully explained what a minister of the Word (and a Christian in general) is and does.
2. Before we get into chapter 2, remember that we have taken on a **"Big Name"**.
  - a. Sometimes you have to **"grow into the name."**
  - b. As Christians, we have before us the same task.
    - (1) We have a great name.
    - (2) **Isaiah 62:2; Acts 11:26**
  - c. How are we doing with this new name?
    - (1) **Ephesians 4:15**
    - (2) Do others see Christ in us?
    - (3) We've all taken on a **"Big Name!"**
3. Not only are we called "Christian" but Paul presented to Timothy some other ways we are described in this chapter.

#### **I. Seven Pictures of Christian Ministry – 2Timothy 2:1-26**

##### **A. Steward of what we teach – 2:2**

1. The ministry is not something we keep to ourselves.
  - a. We are stewards of a spiritual treasure.
  - b. What is our responsibility once we have received the word of God? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Where do we get this original treasure from?
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - b. How should we test what people say or teach about the word of God?
  - c. Example: see **Matthew 24:36**
3. It takes courage and strength to teach and preach the word of God.
  - a. **Proverbs 2:1-10; 3:13-18; 8:1-11**
  - b. **1Corinthians 15:10-11**

##### **B. Soldier – 2Timothy 2:3-4, 8-13**

1. Paul often used military illustrations in his letters. Why?
2. Paul describes the characteristics of a "good soldier" of Jesus Christ. **vs.3-4**
  - a. He **endures hardness -vs.3**

(1) **Matthew 10:16-18**

(2) **Galatians 1:4-11**

(3) What must a good soldier remember? \_\_\_\_\_

b. He must **avoid** worldly entanglements. **vs.4** \_\_\_\_\_

c. He **magnifies** Jesus Christ – **vs.8-9** \_\_\_\_\_

d. He **thinks** of the whole army. **vs.10**

(1) Who are the elect?

(2) **2Thessalonians 2:13-14**

(3) What would you think of a soldier that only thinks about himself in battle?

e. He **trusts** his commanding officer. **vs.11-13**

(1) **1Timothy 1:15; 4:9; Titus 3:8**

(2) Where do we start our Christian walk?

(3) We should not be afraid to face the enemies of Christ. **Why?**

**1John 5:4-5**

(4) What a paradox: **Death leads to life.**

(5) Paul makes it very clear that even our doubt and unbelief cannot change Him. **vs.13** see **Romans 3:3-4**