

Sermon Notes | **Multiply**- February 2025

Endure to the End: 2 Timothy 2:3-7

"God Almighty has set before me two great objects, the suppression of the slave trade and the reformation of manners."

– William Wilberforce

2 Timothy 2:3-7 (ESV)

3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. 5 An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6 It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. 7 Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Soldier - Be Focused

- Stay focused on God's mission, avoid distractions.

Athlete - Do It God's Way

- Follow God's way of doing things to finish well.

Farmer - Work Hard

- Persistence and hard work are necessary for the harvest.

Two Ways to Quit:

1. Formally

Giving up completely.

2. Quiet Quitting

Losing heart, but not making an outward exit.

Big Idea: Endure to the End

Methods of Encouragement:

1. Tool (v8-9)

8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

2. Template (v10)

10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

3. Timeless Truth (v11-13)

11 The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

12 if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

Application:

1. View Your Assignment Rightly

- Choose **surrender** to God's will. Trust His plan.

2. Be Encouraged

- Remember the bigger picture and God's eternal promises.

3. Encourage Each Other

- Support and uplift fellow believers in the journey.

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Have you ever been tempted to quit on Jesus? Maybe you've found yourself discouraged in sharing the gospel or being servant-minded in a relationship, when things just aren't working.

2 Timothy 2:3-11 gives us encouragement to endure to the end.

Discussion Questions:

1. When were you most tempted to walk away from the faith?
 - Reflect on times when you felt discouraged or ready to give up.
2. What examples have you seen of someone "quiet quitting" on following Christ, either in your own life or others'?
 - Consider situations where someone may have stopped fully committing, even if they didn't leave the faith outright.
3. How might your mindset of what it means to follow Christ need to shift?
 - Think about how your understanding of following Jesus could change to help you endure, especially through tough times.
4. What does it mean for God to be faithful to faithless people?
 - Reflect on the amazing truth that God remains faithful, even when we are unfaithful.
5. How could you encourage someone to endure in their assignment this week?
 - Consider practical ways you can come alongside someone and provide encouragement to help them in their faith journey.