

A Soldier for Christ

II Timothy 2:3-4

I. The Recruitment of a Soldier

- Acts 16:1

A. Motives for service

1. God's mercy
 - Romans 12:1
2. God's love
 - II Corinthians 5:14-15
3. God's recognition
 - John 12:26

B. Areas of service

- Ephesians 5 & 6
1. The Home
 - a. Serve as a husband (vs. 25, 28)
 - b. Serve as a wife (vs. 22-24)
 - c. Serve as a parent/child (6:4, 6:1)
 2. Place of Employment
 - a. The employee (6:5-7)
 - b. The employer (6:9)
 3. Serving in the church

II. The Responsibilities of a Soldier

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A. Endure hardness (v. 3)

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

B. Freedom from entanglement (v. 4a)

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life

C. Please the commander

...that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

III. The Rewards (benefits) of being a Soldier

A. God will honor his servants.

- John 12:26

B. God will reward his servants.

- Matthew 16:27

First: God will not forget their service.

- Hebrews 6:10 *For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love.*

1. They will rule and reign with Him.

- Matthew 25:21
- II Timothy 2:12

2. They will receive an abundant entrance.

- II Peter 1:10-11

Examples of those who received an abundant entrance:

- a. Stephen (Acts 7:55-56)
 - b. Paul (II Timothy 4:6-10)
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