

2 Timothy 2:1-2

Trained & Trustworthy

Be resolved ...

I. Empowered by Grace

A. The Gift(s)

B. The Grit

II. Apt to Teach

A. One Truth

B. Worthy Teachers

... to serve well.

Children, listen ...

1. What are some things all Christians should do to strengthen their faith?
2. What does the Bible say is the only way someone can be saved from sin and made right with God?
3. Should churches that teach there are many ways to heaven call themselves Christian churches? Why or why not?

Fit & Faithful

Paul ties two vital concerns together in our brief passage today: spiritual fitness and sound teaching. Timothy the young pastor must make sure that he is staying strong in the faith by using the means of grace God has given him, for instance, regular study and meditation on God's Word and consistent prayer. He is also tasked with entrusting faithful men to teach the Gospel truth. The assumption is that they too must be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The fact of the matter is, while the context directs such concerns to leaders in the church, it is upon every Christian to strengthen themselves by regularly pursuing growth in the grace and knowledge of the Lord while holding fast to the solid truth of Scripture. If we become lax in our devotional exercises, we are bound to experience weakened faith and will find ourselves prone to doubts and increased vulnerability to temptations. It is all of grace, but we must make the best use of the means God has freely given us, to, as Paul writes elsewhere, "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might." Ephesians 6:10