

WHAT DOES FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN MINISTRY LOOK LIKE? (2 Timothy 2:1-7)

I. INTRODUCTION TO 2 TIMOTHY (1:1-5)

II. FAITHFULNESS AMIDST AFFLICTION (1:6–2:13)

A. Reminders for a Sound Mind in an Insane World (1:6-7)

B. Gospel Confidence in the Face of Death (1:8-12)

C. Being Unashamed of God's Message (1:13-14)

D. Being Unashamed of God's Messenger (1:15-18)

E. Five Illustrations of Faithful Christian Ministry (2:1-7)

1. Illustration #1: The _____ of God has already been _____ by grace but now must be _____ continually by grace for faithful Christian ministry. (v. 1)

- *What is v. 1 literally saying?*
- *What is the source of this grace?*
- *Why is this so essential?*

2. Illustration #2: The faithful _____ of God is one who _____ the doctrine of Paul and the apostles. (v. 2)

- *How many generations are described in v. 2?*
- *Who will God use to fulfill this stewardship?*
- *What does this verse teach about real apostolic succession?*
- *What do the pastoral epistles say about the importance of doctrine?*

3. Illustration #3: As believers, we are also called to be faithful _____ in the Lord's army (2 Cor. 10:3-4; Eph. 6:10-17; Phil. 2:25; 1 Tim.1:18; Philem. 1:2), sharing _____. (v. 3)

- *What does this say about the believer's life in this world?*
- *Who do we share hardship with?*
- *How else are we to live as good soldiers? (v. 4a)*
- *To what end are we to live as good soldiers? (v. 4b)*

4. Illustration #4: The faithful believer in Christ is also likened to an _____ who will be _____ for fulfilling God's will. (v. 5)

- *What did this competition involve in Paul and Timothy's day?*
- *What was normally received as a reward? (1 Cor. 9:24-25)*
- *What is emphasized in this illustration? (4:7-8)*

5. Illustration #5: Being a faithful, ministering believer in Christ also entails _____ (*kopiōnta*), like a _____. (v. 6)

- *By what means are we to work/labor (*kopiaō*)? (1 Cor. 15:10; Phil. 4:13; Col. 1:29)*
- *What does "first to partake of the crops" mean in v. 6?*
- *What are we told to do with these five illustrations and what will God do? (v. 7)*