

“Encouragement to Endure Hardship” (2:5-7)

I. Not Ashamed of the Gospel (1:1-18)

II. Exhortations to Endure (2:1-13)

A. Strengthened by Grace (2:1-7)

1. Some General Observations about Grace
2. Some Applications about Grace in Context (2:1-7)

To finish your race, there is a _____ that you must be (strong in grace; 2:1); there is a _____ that you must do (entrust the Word of God to faithful men, who will teach others also; 2:2); and, there is a _____ that you must pay (suffer hardship; 2:3-7).

a. THE **CHARACTERISTICS** OF BEING A **GOOD** SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST

1. _____ believer in Christ is a _____ in the Lord's army.
2. You can either be a _____ or a _____ soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ
3. A good soldier _____ that comes from ministering.

* Endure hardship =

b. THE **ILLUSTRATIONS** TO **ENCOURAGE** ENDURANCE

1. The Athlete

* Being an athlete means you _____ in a contest

* If you want to win, you must _____ the rules

2. The Farmer

* Farmers must be content, first to _____ and then to _____.

* A Farmer has the advantage of first _____ in the fruit of his labor

* How important is verse 7?

* What does this mean to you?