

The Secret of Having It All Together

2 Timothy 2:1-7

Introduction:

A. Having it all together

1. Some make it a matter of a _____.
2. What is on the i_____ matters.
 - a. 2 Tim 2:1 – God’s g_____ (free gift of salvation) is where strength lies. We must connect EVERYTHING to it.
 - b. 2 Tim 2:2 – Timothy was entrusted with the teachings of Jesus by Paul in order to pass on those teachings to f_____ people who in turn would pass them on.

B. Having understanding in everything (v. 7)

1. Requires us to t_____ on the three illustrations Paul gives.
2. Requires us to a_____ the illustrations to our lives.

Be d_____ to King Jesus (3,4) – illustration of a soldier

A. What was required of a Roman soldier?

1. To leave his h_____
2. To leave his o_____
3. To p_____ his commanding officer - no active soldier would have a side job.

B. Who is the Christians commanding officer? – C_____ which means “anointed one” or “king.”

1. We are not to d_____ in sin.
2. We are to be totally d_____ to pleasing King Jesus.
3. We are to remember what GRACE made us – free from s_____ and into soldiers of the King. That makes us strong.

Be d_____ in daily living (5) – illustration of an athlete

A. The Greek games in Paul’s day

1. More p_____ than our Olympics ever were.
2. Athletes had to qualify in order to compete (these were the rules)
 - a. Required ____ months of rigorous training.
 - b. Required following a strict d_____.
3. The prize was a victory w_____.

B. The emphasis of the illustration is being disciplined in your daily walk with Christ.

1. The focus is not on d_____ oneself (some people make Christianity a bunch of no’s)
2. The focus is on winning the p_____

- C. There is a finish line that awaits every Christian
 - 1. There will be rewards for every g_____ work
 - a. Good works are defined by Jesus as letting our l_____ shine (Matt 5:16)
 - b. This requires us to keep Christ's c_____ (Jn 14:15)
 - 2. Grace enables us to do good – without grace all our works would be no g_____.

Be d_____ in serving the Lord (6) – illustration of a farmer

- A. The verse can be translated two ways
 - 1. The hardworking farmer should be the first to share in the crops (All common versions)
 - 2. The farmer must work hard before receiving the harvest (Geneva Bible of 1599 follows this idea).
 - 3. The point of the illustration is not who is first to get a share but what is the first priority of the farmer – to be hardworking.
- B. God gives us tasks to complete each day
 - 1. In the context of the c_____
 - 2. In the context of f_____
 - 3. In a situation like an opportunity to witness or help someone in need.
- C. All of this is connected to God's grace – His plan is to use all our services together in order to bring people from every walk of life into a good and right relationship with Him through Christ.