

# Bible Study

## The Call to Service

## II Timothy 2:1-26

In II Timothy chapter, Paul is calling both Timothy and the church to engage in Christian service. Paul presents 7 illustrations to strengthen the Christian faith, and to prepare the church to serve.

### Objectives:

- To understand and embrace the call to service.
  - To identify the 7 illustrations of service.
    - a. **Son**- (1-2)
    - b. **Soldier** – (3-4; 8-13)
    - c. **Athlete**- (5)
    - d. **Farmer**- (6-7)
    - e. **Workman**- (14-18)
    - f. **Vessel**- (19-22)
    - g. **Servant**- (23-26)
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### Questions, Answers, and Discussion.

- A. Mature believers ought to possess the ministry of mentorship. Who are you mentoring?
  - B. How is the believer strengthened in Christ? (1)
  - C. How is ministry multiplied? (2)
  - D. What does it mean to “endure hardness”, and how is it accomplished in the life of a Christian? (3)
  - E. What does it mean to be a Christian soldier? (4)
  - F. How does Paul compare ministry to an athletic event? Explain the symbolism? (5)
  - G. Why is it right for a farmer to receive the first fruits of his crop? Compare this analogy to the Christian worker. (6)
  - H. Explain Paul’s plea for divine understanding. (7)
  - I. What is the message of the Gospel? (8)
  - J. Why do Christian workers suffer? (9) Explain this statement: “God does not protect His workers from trouble, but preserves them through trouble.”
  - K. Who are the “elect” and why was Paul suffering for their sake? (10)
  - L. What guarantees eternal life with Christ? (11)
  - M. Is Christian suffering redemptive? Is it possible for a believer deny Christ? (12)
  - N. Does believing or not believing change the nature of God? Explain. (13)
  - O. What is the result of false teaching? (14)
  - P. What should be done to “rightly divide” the word of God? (15)
  - Q. What specific false teaching caused the destruction of Hymenaeus and Philetus? (17-18)
  - R. Explain how Jesus is the foundation of God. (19)
  - S. How do believers become vessels that God can use? (20-22)
  - T. What is the conduct and the character of a servant of God? (23-26)
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### **Discussion**

- I learned that the call to divine service requires me to do\_\_\_\_\_.
- I learned that studying God's word prepares me for \_\_\_\_\_.
- I am currently mentoring \_\_\_\_\_ number of people.
- Identify the 7 illustrations of service Paul presented in this chapter.
- What are some of the life lessons in this chapter?