

# **Guarding Your Deposit**

## **2 Tim 2:1-7**

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Pursue followership over  
spectatorship by growing  
as disciples who make  
disciples.



Sulpicius Severus, *Chronicle ii*

# AD 64





# 63-67 AD

## 2 Timothy

an apostle of Christ  
by the will of God, ac-  
cording to the promise of life that  
is in Christ Jesus

but because of his own piety  
and grace. This grace was  
in Christ Jesus before the  
beginning of time, but it has  
been revealed through the  
appearance of our Savior, Christ Jesus  
who destroyed death and  
secured for us eternal life and immortality  
through the gospel



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strengthened by the grace that is  
in Christ Jesus,

2 Timothy 2:1 (ESV)

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- Follow pattern of sound words
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**1 Tim 1:15-19a**

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

To the King of the ages, immortal,  
invisible, the only God, be honor  
and glory forever and ever. Amen.

This charge I entrust to you,  
Timothy, my child, in accordance  
with the prophecies previously  
made about you,

that by them you may wage the  
good warfare, holding faith and a  
good conscience.

1 Timothy 1:15–19a (ESV)

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Finally, **be strong** in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

Ephesians 6:10 (ESV)

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2 Timothy 2:1 (ESV)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth...For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

John 1:14, 16 (ESV)

**Titus 2:11-14**

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the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Titus 2:11–14 (ESV)

**1 Cor 15:9-10**

For I am the least of the apostles,  
unworthy to be called an apostle,  
because I persecuted the church  
of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

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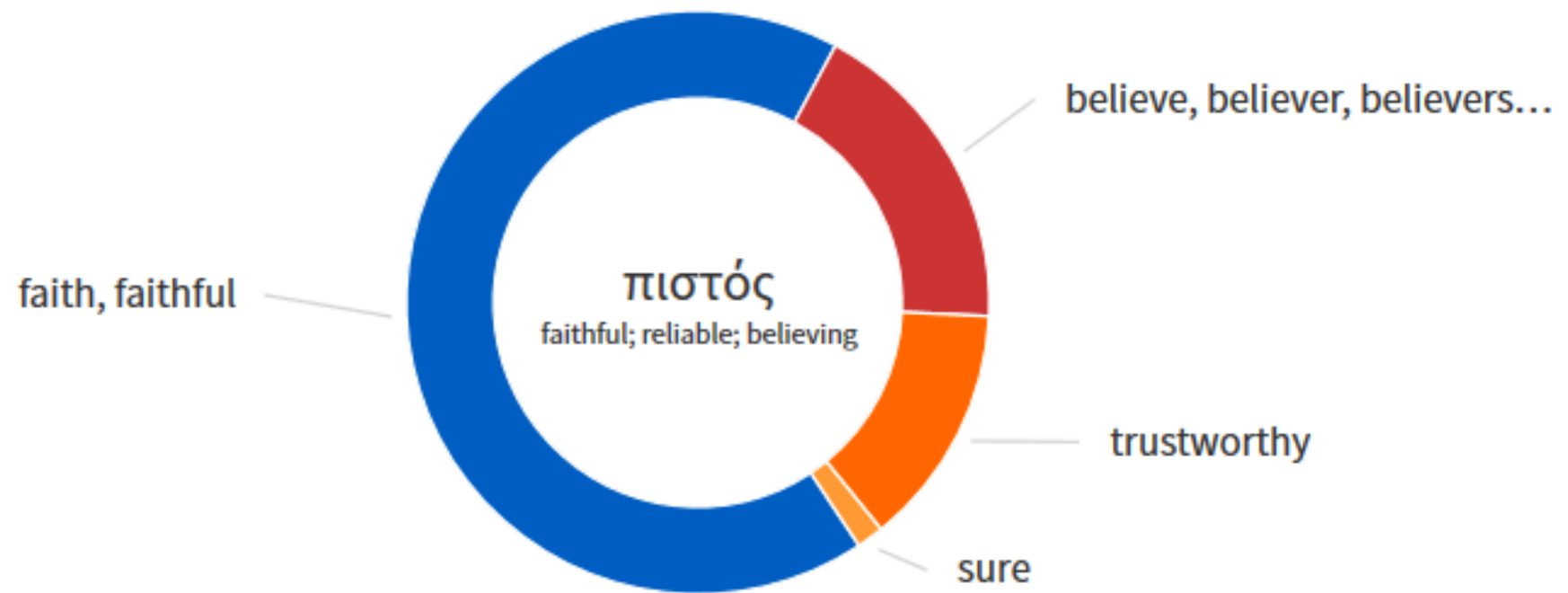
2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV)

Follow the pattern of the sound **words that you have heard from me**, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good **deposit entrusted** to you.

2 Timothy 1:13–14 (ESV)

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**Matt 28:19-20**

Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you**. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”





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- ① to grasp or comprehend  
someth. on the basis of careful  
thought, *perceive, apprehend,*  
*understand, gain an insight in*
- ② to think over with care,  
consider, take note of

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2 Timothy 2:3–4 (ESV)

**2 Cor 10:3-5**

For though we walk in the flesh,  
we are not waging war according  
to the flesh. For the weapons of  
our warfare are not of the flesh but  
have divine power to destroy  
strongholds.

We destroy arguments and every  
lofty opinion raised against the  
knowledge of God, and take every  
thought captive to obey Christ,  
2 Corinthians 10:3–5 (ESV)

**Eph 6:12**

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)



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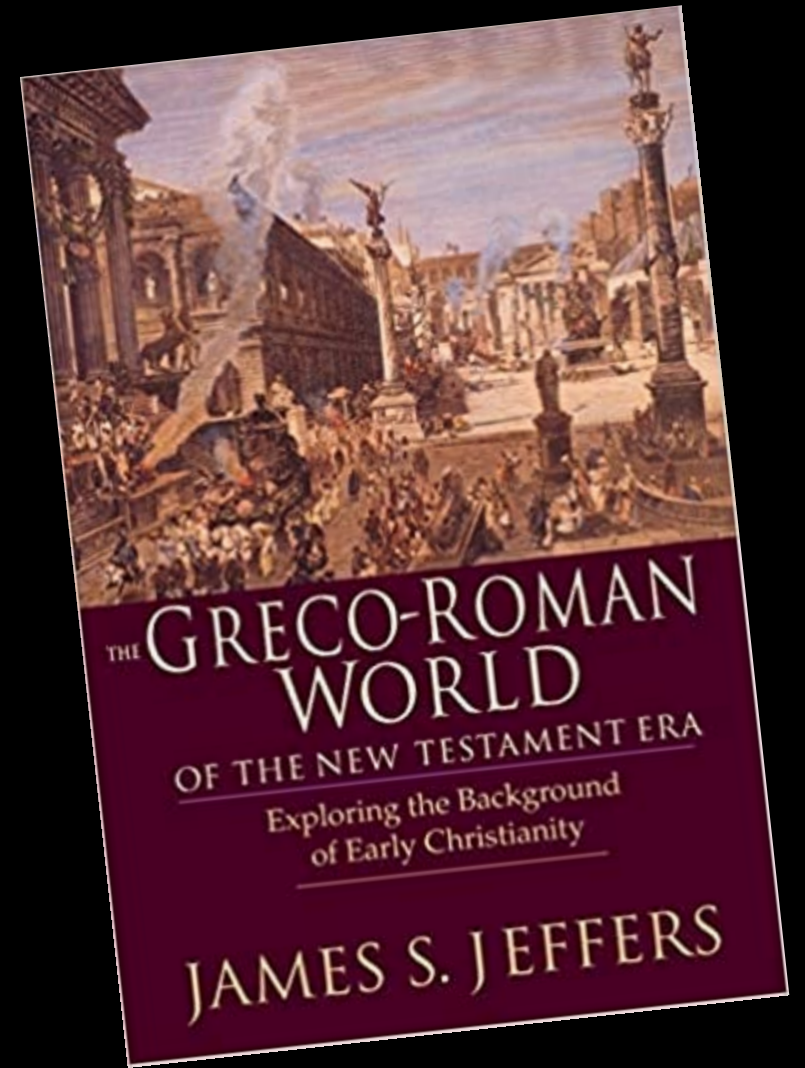
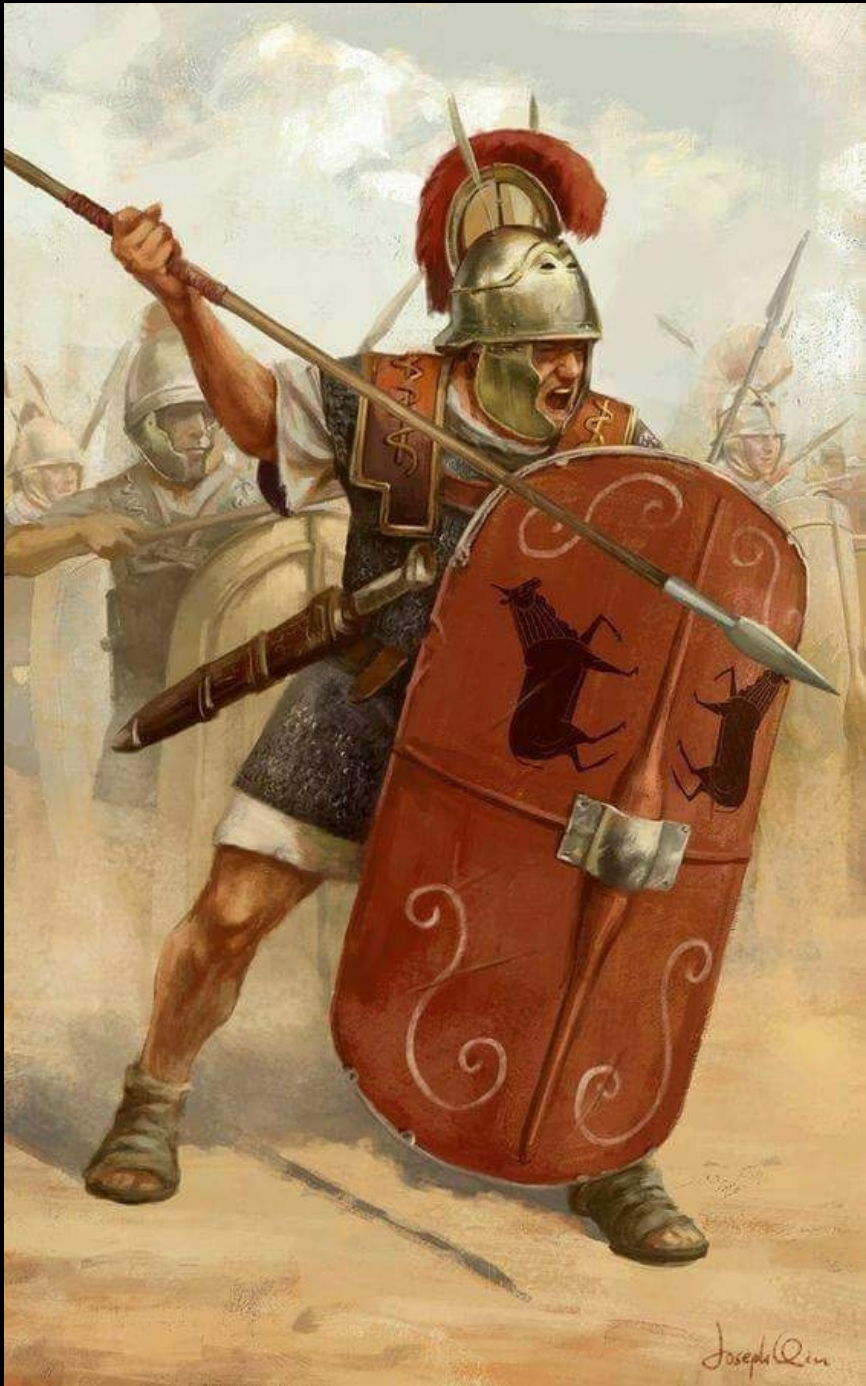
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# Patronage in ancient Rome







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2 Timothy 2:3–4 (ESV)

**2 Cor 5:8-10**

Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, **we make it our aim to please him.**

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

2 Corinthians 5:8–10 (ESV)



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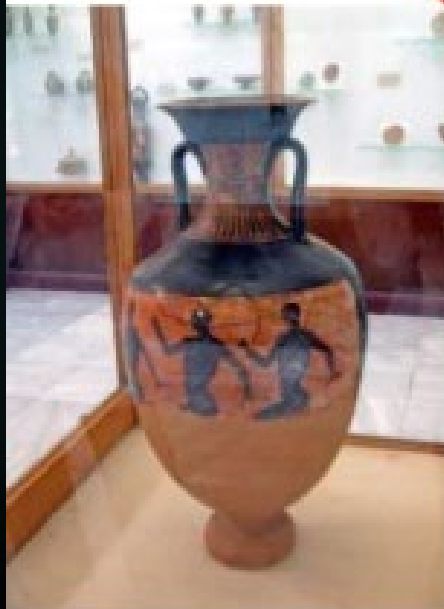
2 Timothy 2:5 (ESV)



# PRIZES



- In Greece, there was no second place.
- Winners were given a laurel wreath for their head and a pot containing olive oil.
- Winners were called "olympionics"



**1 Cor 9:24-25**

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

**2 Tim 4:7-8**



I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me **the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

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2 Timothy 2:5 (ESV)

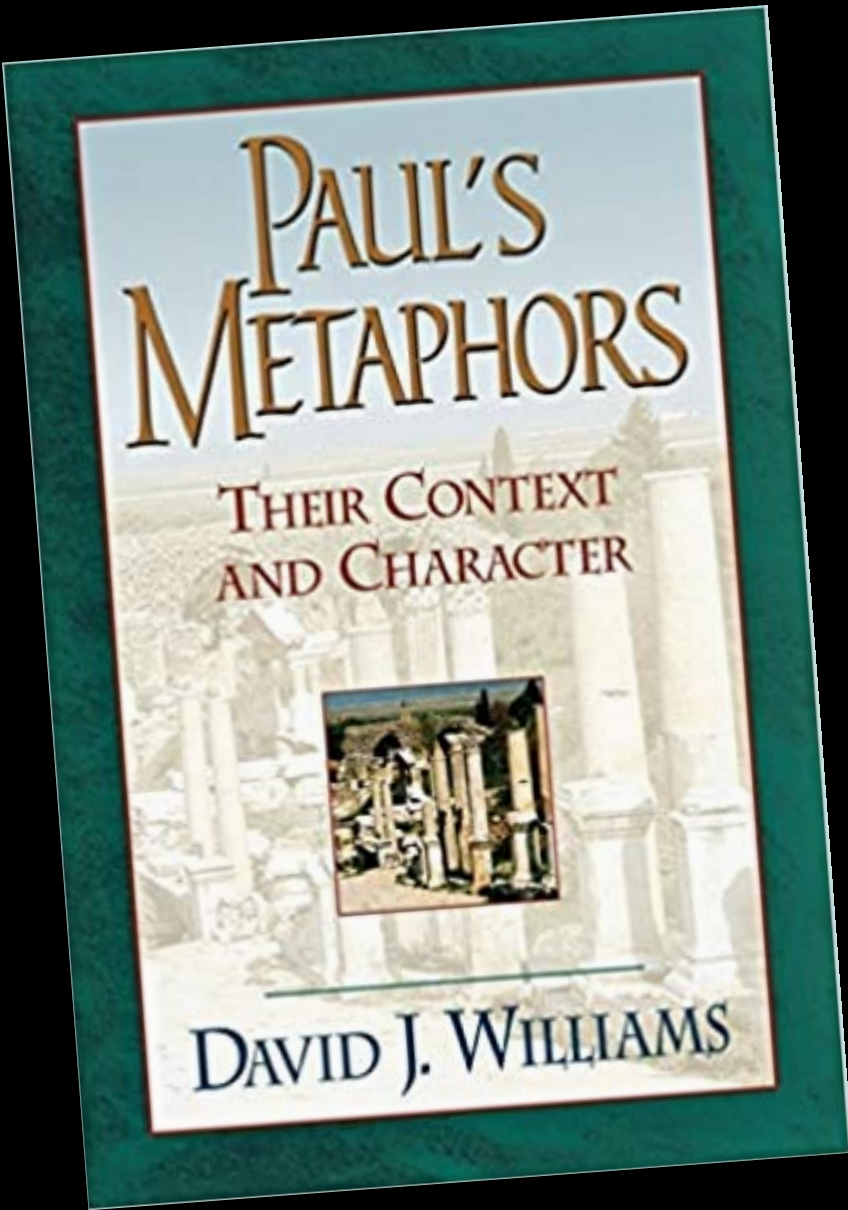
# PAUL'S METAPHORS

THEIR CONTEXT  
AND CHARACTER



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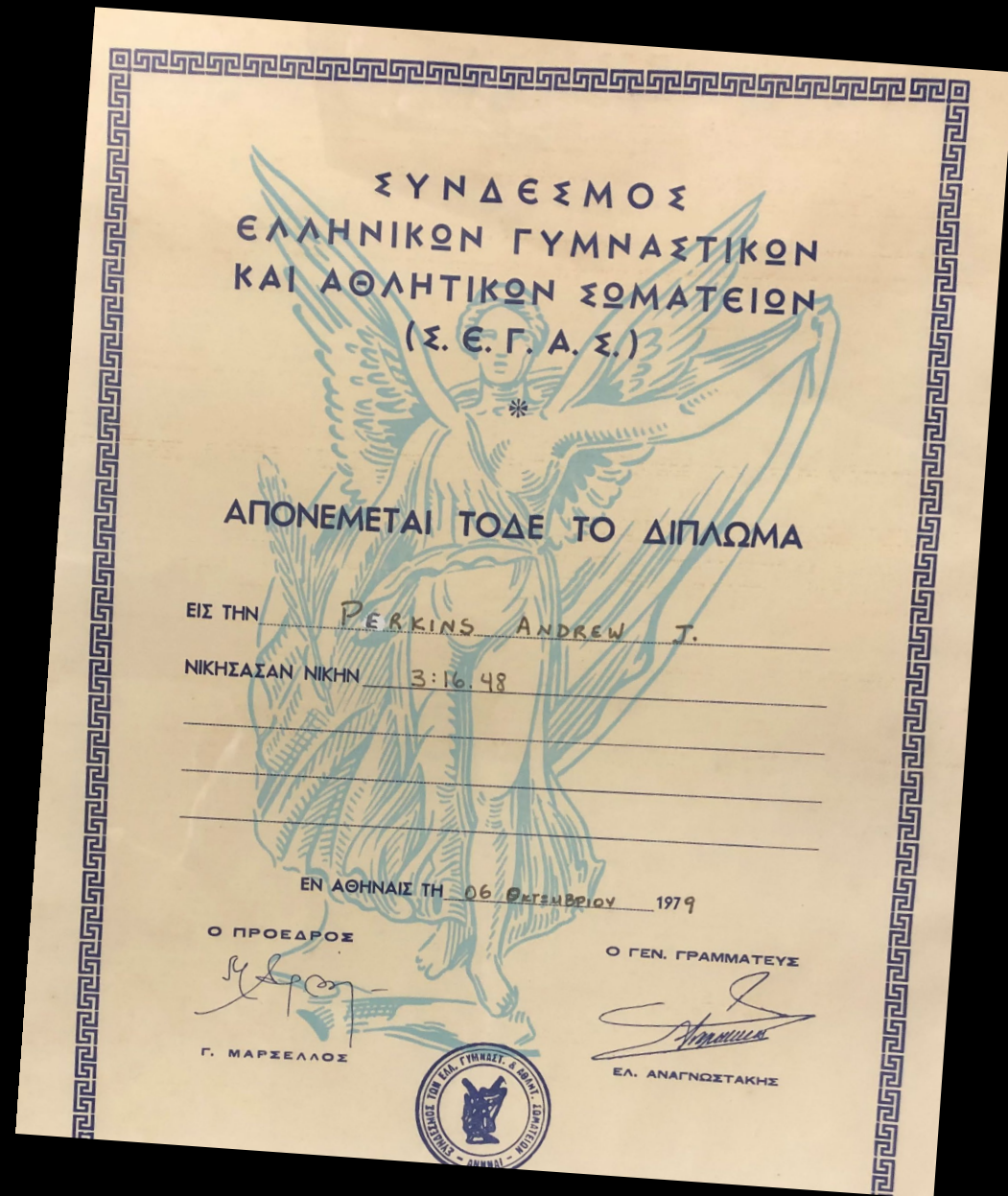


- They had to swear:
- They were Greek
  - Good character
  - 10 months of training
  - 1 month gym
  - Will observe the rules











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- *Combatant*
- *Contestant*
- *Cultivator*

It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.

2 Timothy 2:6 (ESV)

**1 Cor 3:6-8**

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.

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2 Timothy 2:7 (ESV)

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2. Requires hard work/dedication
3. Results in reward



# Application

Be strengthened in grace

Disciple others

Work hard to serve the Lord

Keep your eyes on the prize