

Borrowed Time: Suffer for the Gospel – 2Timothy2

1. Soldiers of the Gospel – We are at War (vs.2-13)

- A. The war for _____ (see 1:13,14; Jn1:1; 14:6)
1. Live in the gospel – be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; living, vibrant relationship
 2. Pass on the true gospel to faithful men – pulpits today are filled with lost people!
*faithful to teach the truth/God’s Word and pass it on to others
*ILLUS: Defund the police are make it harder to become a policeman?
 3. Jesus: blind leading the blind into hell! **Matthew7:13,14,21**
 4. We should love the Truth/*Treasure of Christ* enough to suffer hardship to preserve and pass on
- B. Examples of suffering hardship – _____
1. Soldier (vs.4) *A soldier endures hardship (not entangled) **to** please his commanding officer
*Pastor Girdley taking the German machine-gun nest... honored his officer!
*This is suffering hardship for the glory of God
 2. Athlete (vs.5) *An athlete endures hardship (compete by rules, not cheating) **to** win the prize
*My workout yesterday...I wanted to cheat!
*This is suffering hardship for the souls of mankind – the prize (**1Cor.9:23-27**)
 3. Farmer (vs.6) *A farmer endures hardship (labor to exhaustion) **to** receive a crop
*He plows, removes rocks, plants, waters, prays and harvests – long days and nights
*Again, this is suffering for the harvest/crop of souls! (**Jn4:34,35; Mk4:26-29**)
 4. Paul’s life (vs.8-10) *Paul endured hardship (guarding and proclaiming the gospel) **for** the salvation of people, yet his motivation was Jesus! *(“remember Jesus Christ)

2. Servants of the Lord (vs.14-26)

- A. Workman of the _____ (vs.14-18)
1. We don’t “wrangle about words”; like getting caught up in politics
 2. We are “workman” Gk. means our occupation – workman of the truth – your Bible!
- B. Clean and _____ (vs. 19-22)
1. Abstain from wickedness – holiness and purity matters to God!
 2. Clean yourself up – Flee sin and Pursue Christ! (vs.22) So you can be useful to God!
- C. People of _____ (vs.23-26)
1. We walk in love and kindness to those who oppose us ***Matt5:43-44**
 2. We understand they are at war with God, held captive by Satan

3. Soldiers and Servants in 2021, of God or Government...

- A. The Capitol Hill riot – what about the person in Capitol waving the “Jesus Saves” flag? ***Jn6:15**
***Was 2020 unprecedented or perfect... In the plan of God?**
***We must stand for truth and what’s right, BUT, the church is God’s plan, not government!**
- B. We have a _____ from God, our King, **HE is building His church, rescuing the perishing!**
1. Stop _____! The lost are captives of Satan - **2Tim2:23-26** (*my personal example...)
 2. Stop _____! Hold forth the Word of Life in a perverse generation- **Phil2:14-18**
 3. We are living on “Borrowed Time”! People are lost and dying! We have the cure! 1Cor1:21
*Soldiers – don’t forget the mission! (2Cor5:17-21)
- C. John Newton: “I remember two things very clearly, I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior.”
***Have you come to the place you have realized these two things about yourself? ***Acts17:30-31