

➤ **A command to embrace (v. 1)**

2 Timothy 2:1

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

strong = endunamoó = to fill with power, to be increasing in strength

Ephesians 3:16

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being

"A cultural narrative is found hidden beneath a multiplicity of symbols and rituals...found in books, magazines, films, advertising, blogs and anecdotes. It is symbolized in fashion, brands, technology, art, music and architecture. It is *ritualized* in the practices that govern each day, week, and year. It is *embodied* in the values, pronouncements and lifestyles of our heroes and celebrities. In countless ways and from the earliest age our cultural narrative is told, and it is *absorbed*." – Tim Foster

➤ **A legacy to pass on (v. 2)**

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

four stages = from Christ to Paul, from Paul to Timothy, from Timothy to reliable people, from reliable people to others

➤ **An approach to imitate (v. 3-7)**

2 Timothy 2:3-7

3 Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. 5 Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. 6 The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. 7 Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

Approach your walk with Jesus and the work you're doing in His name...

- like a soldier (discipline & focus)
- like an athlete (integrity & dedication)
- like a farmer (patience & work ethic)

2 Timothy 2:8

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel

"...blessing comes through pain, fruit through toil, life through death, and glory through suffering. It is an unchanging law of Christian life and service." – John Stott

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