



THINGS TO REMEMBER – 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-14

After giving examples of the posture and attitude to maintain while doing the work of the Lord (verses 3-7), Paul, in today's neatly framed text, tells Timothy to _____ something of utmost importance (vs. 8). He then tells him to put his congregation in remembrance of some things so they can maintain present and _____ profitability for Christ (vs. 14). Because we too seek to obey the great commission, this morning's continued instruction will indeed _____ us if we truly believe it.

1. Addressing issues found in the text

a. Understanding the _____

- 2 Timothy is a continuously flowing letter (epistle)
Therefore, everything is connected
- Throughout he speaks about _____ for Christ's sake – 2 Ti. 1:12; 2:3, 9, 12; 3:11-12; 4:14
- Paul has just given 3 great examples to consider:
 - The soldier who gives up the fight will lose the battle
 - The athlete who does not play by the rules will lose the prize
 - The farmer who stops trusting God and working will not see the harvest
- Today's text (verses 8-14) follows these points (from verses 3-7) with some things to _____ that will help us press forward in our disciple-making work

b. Key words and phrases in the passage

- My gospel – verse 8b: Ro. 2:16; 16:25
This phrase does not merely speak to the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, but includes everything surrounding the gospel, along with all doctrinal revelations and inspirational things that *stablish* believers
- The word of God is not bound – verse 9b
 - It can reach beyond the covers of the book itself
 - It is alive and always moving – Heb. 4:12-15
 - It moves regardless of age, gender, or lot in life (it appeals to everyone rich or poor, young or old)
 - It is not held back by time, circumstance, culture, geography, critics, skeptics, or infidels

- Paul has _____ all things for the *elect's* sakes – verse 9a
 Why? That they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus *with eternal glory*... this is about winning souls that will grow and mature in their faith after they are saved, so as to win a crown (rewards) spoken of in scripture – 1 Cor. 9:25; Phil. 4:1; 1 Thess. 2:19; 2 Ti. 4:8; James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:4; Rev. 3:11; 4:10; Ro. 14:10; 1 Cor. 3:11-15; 4:5; 2 Cor. 5:10-11
- I suffer; we suffer – verses 9a, 12
 If we deny him [to avoid *suffering*], he will also deny us [from *reigning* with him]. If we do not believe it, our failure to trust him in this instance does not change his abiding trustworthiness

2. Things to _____ *for our eternal glory* – 2 Timothy 2:8-13

- a. Remember: Christ, as prophesied, was _____ from the dead – verse 8a
 You are crucified with Christ, nevertheless you *live* – verse 8b; Gal 2:20
- b. Remember: Do not _____ the suffering that goes with the gospel – verses 9-12
 - Getting saved, then *growing and maturing* will ensure _____
 _____ will be given at the judgment seat of Christ
 You will not suffer loss of rewards on that day
- c. Remember: Jesus Christ is trustworthy and faithful to always do his part – verse 13
 - Always be ready to do your part

3. Our _____ before the Lord – 2 Timothy 2:14

- Do not get caught up or entangled in conversations that bring no profit
 Lost people and immature believers have enough things to process that keep them from hearing the words of God, so don't add to their confusion
 There are corrupt Bibles in the world today, so make sure you teach them from the truth (teach and preach from the right Bible) – Ps. 12:1-8; Prov. 30:5-6; 2 Ti. 2:2, 15