

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Series: Rock Solid

Message Title: The Unspoken Fine Print

2 Timothy 2:1-7 – *You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. ³ Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer. ⁵ Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes 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.*

1. A teacher-_____ (2:2)

2. A single-_____ (2:3,4)

3. A rule-_____ (2:5)

4. A hard-_____ (2:6)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

2 Timothy 2:1-7

1. Can you think of a time in your life when your view of work changed? Was it for the better, or worse? What did you come to see that you had not seen before?
2. What outcome was Paul after in what he told Timothy about teaching? For teaching to have a four generation impact, what needs to happen on the part of teachers and learners alike?
3. What is it about the military metaphor that helps you? How are you like a soldier in the work you are seeking to do for the Lord? What do you need to watch out for that could easily entangle you in civilian affairs?
4. What parallels can you draw between athletes who break the rules and believers who break God's rules? What victor's crown is Paul most likely speaking about?
5. What do you know about farming? What about a farmer's life would you find challenging? Encouraging? How are you like a farmer?
6. Without taking more time to reflect on this message focus, what insights have you already gained? Can you set aside additional time this week for further reflection on this message? Will you? What do you hope might come of that time?