

MULTIPLY IN UNION WITH CHRIST

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

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Three pillars vital to multiply disciples

1. The ability to multiply our lives into faithful men is a function of God's _____.

2. Leave faithful disciples with a pattern of sound _____.

3. Discipleship is a mission worth suffering with _____ as:

- Soldiers
- Athletes
- Farmers

4. Barriers to multiplication

- Sin in our lives
- Immaturity
- Not experiencing our union with Christ

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¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

- 1) What last words were spoken of a loved one that you could share? How did that impact you? What last words would you want to speak as you pass into eternity?
- 2) The ability to multiply our lives into faithful believers for Christ is from first to last a function of God's grace where we rely on God's active daily power rather than human effort. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. God never works when we get the glory. God is glorified when he uses us as instruments in what only He can do. Why is this so?
- 3) In your own words, what is the pattern of sound words that God wants us to impart to faithful disciples? From what you know about the apostle Paul's ministry, how did he leave his disciples a pattern of sound words? Can you share how you have imparted the pattern of sound words in someone and what were the effects of that?
- 4) Which of the traits mentioned of soldiers, athletes, and the hard working farmer do you most relate to, and you want to incorporate more in your life? How will that make you more fruitful in building disciples?
- 5) Union with Christ is understanding and savoring in our salvation that Jesus gives us. How does meditating on what Jesus did for us help us grow in union with Him? Jeremy Walker asked the question: "how much do you want what Christ died to give us in salvation and union with Him?" And then he stated that it should be the all-consuming desire of our souls. What would that look like in your life to be more in union with Jesus?
- 6) Which person in the football illustration describes you? The athlete or the spectator? What will you do about it?
- 7) Spend time this week obeying verse 7 of this passage where the Lord will give you understanding in everything as it relates to multiplying your life. God will provide the faithful, available, and teachable disciple to those who desire to follow the chief shepherd, our Lord Jesus.