

Women's Bible Study

A Spiritual Legacy

Be Strong and Dedicated – 2 Timothy 2: 1 -7

Myrna Holmes – February 23, 2011

Intensive Study Questions

Key Verses: "You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 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." (2 Tim. 2: 1-2)

1. Read 2 Cor. 12: 7-10 and explain what Paul means when he says, "When I am weak, then I am strong." Look up these passages and explain why Paul views our weakness as a spiritual asset: 1 Cor. 1: 26-31; 1 Cor. 2: 3-5; 2 Cor. 1: 8-9.
2. Has there ever been an occasion in your own life, or someone you know, when the power of God was made evident through weakness?
3. All of us must view ourselves as a link between the generations. How does the Bible tell us to pass on the faith to our children? (Deut. 6:4-8; 11:18-21; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4) ... to others? (1 Peter 3:15; 2 Tim. 2:25-26)
4. The dedicated soldier is not meant to get tangled up in civilian duties (2 Tim. 2:4). What might be some innocent "entanglements" that could divert us from doing God's work? What is to be the motivating force behind all that we do? (2 Cor. 5:15)
5. An athlete who wants to win must compete according to the rules; the Christian must also live in obedience to the word of God. According to these texts, what provision has God made to us to make that possible? Roman 7:6, 8: 3-4; 10:4; Gal. 5:5
6. In 1 Cor. 9: 23-27, Paul compares the Christian life to the discipline of an athlete, with particular reference to disciplining his ***physical*** body: buffeting it, and bringing it into subjection. What does this teach Christians about their use of food, sleep, comfort, and other necessities of the human body?
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