

EPISODE NO. 342

2 Tim. 2:1-15

Be Good Soldiers of Christ

Paul wrote these words: 1 So, you, my son, be strong in the gracious love that is in Christ Jesus. 2 Along with many witnesses, you heard some teachings from ME. Pass these things on to faithful people who will be able to teach others.

3 Suffer like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No soldier gets mixed up with civilian life; he wants to please his superior officer. 5 If someone competes as an athlete, he will not win the prize, unless he follows the rules. 6 The farmer who works hard must be the first person to have a share of the crop. 7 Think about what I'm saying, because the Lord will give you an understanding of everything.

8 Don't forget the Descendant of David, Jesus Christ, who was raised from death. This is the Good News I tell. 9 Like a criminal, I suffer for the gospel — even if it means prison! But, God's message has not been confined. 10 Why do I endure all of these things? It is for the people chosen by God. I want them also to receive the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

11 This is a song that you can believe in:

“If we died with Christ,
then we will also live with him.

12 If we endure,
then we will also rule with him.

If we say no to him,
then he will say no to us.

13 If we are not faithful,
he is always faithful,
because he must remain true to himself.”

Be a Good Example

14 Continue reminding the people about these things. In the presence of God, warn them not to have fights about words, for that is useless. It destroys the people who are listening. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one who has passed the test. Be

a worker who has nothing to be ashamed of. Interpret the message of truth in the proper way.