



A Life On Fire Series Part 3
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Key Passage: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

"When you were born, everyone else was smiling and you were crying. Live so that when you die, everyone else is crying and you are smiling." -Unknown

Lessons from a Soldier—to please his commander (vs. 4)

Application #1). The trash-talk of others; rhetoric from people who think too much of themselves; things beyond your control; concerns that cause us angst, all compete with our faith and ministry causing us to **lose devotion**, perseverance and focus.

Lessons from an Athlete—to win by following the rules (vs.5)

Application #2). Like athletic competitions, the Christian life and ministry requires adherence to certain rules regarding attitude, conduct, and belief. **Leading** in ministry requires that you train, train, train in these commands.

Lessons from a Farmer—be the first to receive of his crops (vs.6)

Application #3). Likewise, the Christian life and ministry requires a lot of hard work, patience and living out in the future. Only when we remain **consistent** in our personal faith and steadfast in our **ministry** to others, we will reap a bountiful spiritual harvest.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. (2Timothy 2:10)

- **This is the impact statement to Timothy and to us!**
To step in and lead others—to care for them, strengthen them, encourage them, disciple, build their faith!

Draw strength to do ministry by remembering those who have done it before you—

Remember **Jesus!**

Remember **me!**

Remember **them!**

Remember your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice! (2 Tim. 1:5)

