

/We will now begin the twelfth lecture with 2 Timothy. /At this time we will look at 2 Timothy 2:1-26. /Chapter 2 teaches about correct attitudes for ministers.

/Verses 1-7 speak of the attitudes of Christ Jesus' good soldiers. /Ministers are at times known as soldiers, farmers, and athletes. /Who are good soldiers of Christ Jesus?

/Read verse 1. /You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

/It says, "be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." /We must be strong and courageous to manage our calling. /God told Joshua to be strong and courageous.

/When time came for David to die, he told Solomon to be a man of faith. /Soldiers must be strong to win in battle against their enemies. /We, as people who preach the gospel, are spiritual soldiers.

/How can we be strong soldiers? /We must live in Jesus to be strong soldiers, /and we must be filled with the grace of the Lord daily. /We must receive training and tempering to become strong soldiers.

/Second, in verse 2 it says, "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men." /Good soldiers of Jesus must be reliable so that they could teach others.

/Here, one who is "reliable" is he who is faithful and responsible, /and he who accomplishes his works by doing his best in the work given him with unchanging character. /One who is reliable is also very sincere. /A reliable person is also trustworthy in the eyes of God.

/The Lord teaches us to be "faithful, even to the point of death." /The good workers in the church are those who are faithful. /At the end, we must sacrifice even our lives and work for the Lord.

/In verse 3 it says, the good soldiers of Jesus must endure hardships. /You all know that soldiers today encounter many hardships? /Soldiers are trained within the set of rules made for them, /and they cannot do as they please.

/Today, the good soldiers of Jesus receive hardships and training. /We must not be afraid of hardships, /but we must learn to have faith and patience in the midst of hardships.

/Fourth, to be good soldiers of Jesus, verse 4 says, "No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs." /One who is involved in his own life cannot be a good soldier. /God's workers must be able to distinguish his personal work from God's work.

/A good soldier of Jesus must put God's work before his own work. /Today, what are the works that I must complete? /God's work is more important than my household chores or my personal work. /Those who are involved in his own work cannot manage God's work.

/Good soldiers of Jesus are in the Lord's possessions, /and therefore, they cannot do as they please. /They must move according to the Lord's commands to be considered good soldiers.

/Also, in verse 4 it says, "he wants to please his commanding officer." /Who is our commanding officer? /Jesus recruited us. /Therefore, in whatever we do, we must do it to please Jesus.

/We must recognize what pleases God. /We believers must please God in whatever we do.

/In verse 5 it says, "if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules." /Everyone, take a look at athletes. /All sports have rules. /If an athlete races and places first, /and if he breaks the rules then he will be disqualified.

/Therefore, good soldiers today must manage their calling according to the Word of God. /No matter how diligently one may serve and sacrifice himself, /if it is not done according to God's Word, then it will have been done in vain.

/God's Word is the standard of faith and the standard of our lives. /We must always serve in truth and must remain faithful. /There are many churches today, /but there are churches that leave God and work as they please.

/The church that God is pleased with must built itself on God's Word just as the early church did. /Even if many abandon God's Word and act according to humanism, /we must stand firm in the Word of God and manage ministry by directing ourselves to God.

/Even if one serves a lot, if he defies God's Word, everything will have been of no use. /What blessings and grace does God give to the good and faithful soldiers of Jesus? /Verses 5-7 tell us God's promised word.

/The end of verse 5 says, "he does not receive the victor's crown." /Those who are faithful to God will be rewarded according to the degree of their faithfulness. /In the Olympics, there are gold, silver, and bronze medals.

/Those who place first receive gold, /second receives silver, /and those who place third receive bronze. /Today, the rewards for the good soldiers of Jesus will vary according to the degree of their faithfulness. /Those who are faithful to God will receive the victor's crown.

/Next, what was promised in verse 6? /It says, "The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops." /When we are faithful to God, God will provide us with food to eat. /It says, do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.

/God will materialistically compensate for those who are truly faithful to him. /Verse 7 says, “the Lord will give you insight into all this.” /Those who are faithful to God will gain insight and God will use them in their generation.

/Only those with insight can make spiritual distinctions. /Those with insight can distinguish between good and evil, /and can manage with wisdom the work of God. /Next, verses 8-13 speak Paul’s experience of the gospel.

/Read verse 8. /Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel,

/Paul said, “This is my gospel.” /Paul was a man who was changed by faith by the Word of God given to him. /Paul experienced an abundance of God’s grace.

/Paul realized the truth of God, and was able to manage his calling after he was changed. /What is the core of the gospel? /It is the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ. /“Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.”

/Jesus came to this earth as a descendent of David. /Jesus was completely human, /and was completely God. /Jesus is without sin. /As was written in Scripture, Jesus came according to the covenant promise, died for our sins and rose again from the dead in three days.

/Once Paul realized the gospel, he went and preached the gospel to Gentiles. /He received great hardships while evangelizing. /However, even when Paul was in prison, the gospel was never in prison.

/Read verse 9. /for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained.

/Paul was chained and put into prison like a criminal. /However, the Word of God was not chained in prison. /Paul was in prison, still, God’s evangelism expanded greatly.

/What does this teach us? /This means that the work of God never fails. /In each generation, servants are chained in prison and are killed. /Historically, many churches have been persecuted and God’s servants have been killed.

/However, the gospel never fails nor is destroyed no matter what generation. /God worked through Paul’s hardships so that the gospel would be greatly advanced and valuable. /Paul endured and evangelized for God’s chosen people.

/When we preach the gospel, we must endure and spread the gospel. /The apostle Paul endured as he preached the gospel so that he would gain eternal glory.

/When we evangelize, there are people who immediately accept the gospel, /there are those who persecute us, /and there are those who say they will believe later in the future. /

However, church leaders must endure and preach the gospel until the end.

/If we do not evangelize to that one person, /that one person's soul will not be saved and he will not enter heaven. /Paul considered each soul valuable and loved each soul.

/Paul endured and preached the gospel to save one last soul. /Verse 11 says, we live with the Lord.

/Verse 11. /Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him;

/The "trustworthy saying" is that our Lord is faithful. /The Lord keeps His promises, /and He is God who fulfills all that He promised. /It says, "If we died with him."

/The moment we believed in Jesus, our old selves were nailed to the cross and buried. /We have all died with Jesus. /Just as Jesus died on the cross and resurrected, /we must nail our fleshly greed on the cross /and live as new beings.

/We must now live in the Lord. /There are two kinds of lives in us. /There is the physical life /and the spiritual life. /Believers must live new and spiritual lives so that they can please God.

/When we live with the Lord, we can be kings with the Lord. /Verse 12 says, "if we endure, we will also reign with him." /When we endure while preaching the gospel, our royal authority will grow.

/It also says, "If we disown him, he will also disown us." /Verse 13 says, God will remain faithful. /It says, "if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself."

/Our Jesus is faithful, /He will never change, /and He will fulfill everything in the Bible.

/Verse 14-15 tells us to be workers who are not ashamed. /Church leaders must especially be workers worthy to be acknowledge by God. /We must strive to become workers without shame before God and before others.

/Verse 14. /It says, "Keep reminding them of these things." /This means that /those who are faithful to God must keep in mind that there will be rewards for them.

/We must remember that when we endure for the Lord's gospel, our royal authority will grow /Then what can we do to become shameless workers? /Verse 14 says, do not quarrel. /Church leaders must never quarrel among themselves.

/There will be no good as a result of quarreling, /and those who hear will also be ruined. /Even when there are things to argue about, we must restrain ourselves and go forward. /If there are things to argue about, we must pray and protect our faith.

/The moment believers begin to quarrel among themselves, they will be ashamed, /they will cover the glory of God, /and they will cause pain to others around them. /What else does it say that we must do to be shameless workers?

/Verse 15. /Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

/We must correctly handle the word of truth so that we may be shameless workers. /Today, the discernment of church leaders is extremely important. /One's eyes must be spiritually opened, /wise, /and be mature in his faith to be discerning.

/We must distinguish truth from falseness, /and distinguish the works of the Holy Spirit from the works of the devil. /Sometimes the devil disguises himself as a bright angel.

/Today, many people are deceived and fail. /Leaders must be able to distinguish truth from falseness so that they may be shameless leaders. /Next, verse 15 further speaks of shameless workers.

/We must work faithfully before God, /must serve without guilt in our consciences, /and must manage our calling by being able to stand confidently before God and before others. /Verse 15 also says, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved."

/Those who are "approved" are those who have been acknowledged before God by overcoming trials. /God's workers must be worthy before God. /They must not strive to be acknowledged by people, but must be workers who can be acknowledged by God.

/David was a man whom God approved of. /God said, "I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart." /God said, "he will do everything I want him to do."

/Today in the church, can I be acknowledged before God? /Am I a man after God's own heart? /We must have wisdom to always examine ourselves. /Only those whom God approves of can be used as his valuable workers.

/We must devote our hearts to be faithful to the Lord's work so that we may be acknowledged by God. /Verse 15 says, "Do your best to present yourself to God."

/Those who devote themselves to God are those who are truly blessed. /Our bodies are not ours, but are of the Lord. /We must completely dedicate ourselves to the Lord. /We must devote ourselves to the Lord so that we may live according to His will.

/Such workers will not only display the glory of God, but they will also receive blessings in their own lives. /Verse 16-19 says, be on the guard for false teachings. /There are good people and wicked people in the world.

/Even among God's ministers are good workers and evil workers. /What are false teachings?

/Verse 16. /Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.

/It says, “Avoid godless chatter.” /It means to throw away anything that blasphemes against God, /or anything that is useless. /Those who speak godless chatter /we become more and more ungodly.

/They are those who compromise with the world /and fall to secularism by falling away from their faith. /These false teachings are contagious and will negatively affect others.

/Verse 17 says, /“Their teaching will spread like gangrene. /Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus.” /Today, there are false leaders like them who corrupt and make the church fall.

/The moment leaders become corrupt, the church will become corrupt. /It is a blessing for believers to meet good leaders in the church. /Then what did they do wrong? /They preached a false doctrine.

/Verse 18. /It says, they “have wandered away from the truth.” /They claimed that the resurrection had already taken place. /They did not believe in the core of Christianity, which is the resurrection. /Their beliefs were false beliefs.

/If those who once served God well /meet such false leaders, they will immediately become corrupt. /When believers follow after false teachings, /their faith will fall immediately. /We must be on the guard for cults /and must throw away false views and incorrect knowledge.

/We must stand firm in the Word of God. /When we eat spoiled food, we will have stomachaches and become sick. /When false knowledge enters our faith, our faith will become sick.

/However, even if there is false knowledge in the world, /it can never tear down the church of the Lord. /Why can't the Lord's church be taken down?

/Verse 19. /It says, “Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription.” /God's solid foundation is Jesus Christ's foundation, and therefore, it will never fall. /The church that stands firm on this confession about Jesus Christ will never fall.

/Today, those who are wicked rise and persecute the church /and attempt to destroy the church, /yet, the Lord's church will never fade. /God's kingdom continues to advance in the midst of hardships and persecutions. /Also, our Jesus knows His believers.

/Verse 19 says, “Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.” /Those who accept Jesus as Savior must turn away from wickedness. /We

must not compromise with the world. /We must not compromise with lies.

/We must not be fooled by whatever temptations approach us. /We must look only towards God, /and must chase after God's Word so that we may become final victors.

/Verses 20-23 teach us to be articles of noble purposes. /Verse 20 says there are many types of articles in the church.

/Read verse 20. /In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble.

/Here it mentions a large house. /The large house refers to the church. /Why is the church a large house? /The church is a house built by God, /and it is a large house because God is present in it. /Also, there are many types of articles in a large house.

/There are gold articles, silver articles, and also those made of wood and clay. /There are various kinds of articles, but some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. /Then what kind of people do God use greatly? /Verse 21 tells us three conditions of those who are of noble purposes.

/Read verse 21. /If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

/What kinds of articles or instruments are greatly used by God? /First, the instrument must be clean. /There are many believers in the church today, /but God uses those who are clean. /We must fight against sin and protect ourselves.

/Let's say you want to drink water /and there are cups before you. /Would you reach for the clean cup or the dirty cup? /Most people would reach for the clean cup.

/If we want to be used by God, we must discover and repent of our sins, /and we must be clean people before God. /How pure are our hearts? /How conscientiously are we serving God? /Why was Paul used greatly by God?

/He confessed. /"I have fulfilled my duty to God in all good conscience to this day." /We must not only repent of the filthy things in our hearts, /but we must boldly throw away anything that we are guilty of in our consciences.

/We must be truly free in our consciences. /Today, we must look back at ourselves /and ask, how clean am I with material goods? /Do I have anything to be guilty of before God? /We must also be clean in our relationships with the opposite gender.

/Genesis 39 speaks of Joseph. /He was taken as Potiphar's slave. /He was faithful to the work given him and received his master's trust. /However, Potiphar's wife seduced Joseph.

/If Joseph fell to the temptation of Potipher's wife, /he would have never become prime minister of Egypt. /Joseph resisted temptations and was clean, and therefore, God used him greatly /Today, the devil takes our weaknesses and uses it filthily.

/We must strictly throw away sins and become clean. /God uses us greatly the more we become clean. /Second, what other type of person does God use greatly? /One must be suitable to be used by the Lord.

/When one works and satisfies the Lord, God will greatly use him. /We must please the Lord, /and we must become people who are worthy to be used by the Lord. /Today in the church, /there are those who we can comfortably ask to serve, /and those who are uncomfortable to speak to.

/We must strive to be people who are worthy to be used by the Lord and be accepted by the Lord. /Also, those who are greatly used by God are those who have been prepared for good works. /This refers to those who are ready to work for the Lord.

/God seeks workers to use greatly in this generation. /We must be trained and must be instruments ready to be used by God. /How good is our character? /We must be spiritually qualified.

/We must be people who are capable. /I pray that you will be greatly used by God. /Verse 22 further speaks of being used by God.

/Read verse 22. /Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

/It says, "Flee the evil desires of youth." /We must avoid problems regarding the opposite gender so that we will not fall to sin. /We must also throw away all greed in our hearts. /"It says, "pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

/We must always walk in righteousness, /in faith, /and in love and peace.

/Verse 23 also says, "Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments." /We must not argue and we must not quarrel. /We must live clean lives so that we can be used greatly by God.

/Verse 24-26 tell us the virtues we must have to be used by God. /What attitude must God's workers have?

/Read verse 24. /And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

/Verse 23 says to first have nothing to do with arguments. /The Lord's servants must not argue among one another, agree or disagree with others when they are right or wrong,



and properly teach believers. /Second, verse 24 says that the Lord's servants must not quarrel.

/All believers must be at peace with one another. /They must yield to one another, /make sacrifices, /and be at peace so that the church can be at peace and be filled with grace. /Today, many people quarrel and become hurt, and cover the glory of God.

/Third, verse 24 says, "be kind to everyone." /Those who are kind are those who have the heart of the Lord. /We must receive God's guidance, /and we must always be kind to others.

/How did Moses become a kind person? /In the past he was a man who quarreled with others, /yet, he was trained in the Midian Desert for forty years and became kind. /Fourth, verse 24 says, we must be able to teach.

/God's servants must not only study the Bible, /but must be confident in their teaching. /Pastors must continuously pray so that they would teach properly, /they must receive help from the Holy Spirit, /and must first obey God's Word.

/Pastors must also have confidence when they preach God's Word. /Fifth, verse 24 says to be patient. /God's servants must always be patient.

/In ministry, there are things that are upsetting, /things to quarrel over, /and difficult trails, yet pastors must endure.

/We must look towards the cross of the Lord and endure. /Those who endure will be blessed. /When we endure and go forward, God will help us and we will have victory.

/Sixth, verse 25 says, "Those who oppose him he must gently instruct."

/When believers do wrong and sin, we must not let them be. /We must gently instruct them with the heart of Jesus. /Why must we instruct them?

/Verse 25 says, "in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth." /Believers must repent and gain knowledge of the truth through such instructions. /Even if one previously sinned, /if he repents we must accept him.

/What is another reason why we must instruct believers? /Verse 26 says, "that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil." /We must instruct so that they would come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, and serve God.

/Why else must we instruct believers? /It is so that they would chase after the will of God. /God is the God of righteousness and love. /When believers do wrong, we must instruct them /so that they would repent /and escape from the trap of the devil, /and chase after the will of God.

/Here we will conclude the twelfth lecture on 2 Timothy. /Thank you.