

Pictures of a Believer Part 2

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2 Timothy 2

Introduction: Once again we are listening to some of the last words of the Apostle Paul as he shares some words of wisdom and encouragement with young Timothy- pastor in Ephesus. Paul, in chapter two, gives some pictures of what the life of a believer looks like. Last week we saw Paul referring to the believer as a son, a steward, a soldier, and an athlete

1. The Believer as a Farmer Vs. 6,7



Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Here we see each Christian has a particular task to perform in this illustration of the Christian walk as being farmers. What are the essentials to farming?

- Plowing the fields to prepare
- Sowing the seed
- Watering
- Harvesting

Be faithful wherever the Lord is using you in this process. Recognize that ultimately, the Lord gives the increase and gets the glory. We are to be faithful to do what He told us to.

2. The Believer as a Worker Vs. 15-18



2 Timothy 2:15-18

3. The Believer as a Vessel Vs. 19-22



- He gives two marks of ownership of God: first, the Lord knows who are His. Second, everyone who belongs to Him should depart from iniquity – pursue holiness!

4. The Believer as a Servant Vs. 23-26



Read Mark 9:33-35

Questions:

1. In what ways might you say *you've* served God as a farmer? Have you been able to be used in sowing? Watering? Reaping?
2. What can we do to better be a "vessel" where God can use us? Is this something many seem to think is unimportant today? Why or why not?
3. Why is it so important to remember that we are servants? What should our attitudes be towards those who don't know the truth or don't hold to the truth?

Prayer: *"Father, thank you for calling me to be your son/daughter. Help me to be a faithful farmer, a workman not ashamed, a vessel fit for Your service, and a servant to all. Take away any pride in my life and anything that is not pleasing to You. I pray that I would truly reflect the new creation that You, my Lord, have made me to be. In Jesus' name I pray, amen."*