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**Timothy, you be strong in (by) the grace in Christ Jesus. You choose to use His strength!**

Then, in that strength, what is Timothy to be doing (example #1 of 4)? 2:2; see Ezra 7:8-10

**I taught you, now you teach faithful men who will be able to teach others...and so on...**

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**Endure hardship as a good soldier, 24x7. Don't get sidetracked. You're never 'off duty'!**

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**To be a successful athlete you must compete according to the rules. Be disciplined.**

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**Hardworking farmer. Works alone, long hours, no immediate results. But first at harvest!**

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**Consider carefully my words. The Lord will give you insight. Cost is high. Reward is sure.**

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**Because He lives (eternally) we shall live (eternally). The resurrection confirms that to us.**

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**He endured everything for the elect as yet unsaved. Labor to find those He's chosen!**

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