

DEAR TIMOTHY: What It Takes
Text: 2 Timothy 2:1-26 (pages 995-996)

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In the Kingdom of God we have a Powerful God and a Powerful Message!

God also Rescues, Restores and Mobilizes Powerful Messengers to Build His Kingdom!

That's where each of us comes in.

What does it take for every generation to be made fully alive in Christ?

God intends for you to become one of His powerful messengers in our mission to see every generation made alive in Christ.

7 Pictures of a powerful messenger of God:

1. A Steward - entrusted with the message
2. A Soldier - focused on the given mission
3. An Athlete - competes according to the rules
4. A Farmer - works hard
5. A Workman - diligently develops skill
6. A Vessel - stays clean, ready and useful
7. A Bond-servant - patient, kind, with strength under control like Jesus Christ

How in the world do I actually become a powerful messenger of God?

One thing to always do... (verse 1)

One thing to always keep before your mind... (verse 8)

Food for Thought for the week of August 27, 2017
(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. What kind of spirit does God give His children? See 2 Timothy 1:6.

2. What scares you the most about being a powerful messenger for God?

3. Which of the 7 pictures/metaphors Paul uses do you relate to most? Which is the most challenging to you?

4. What does it mean to you, practically, to obey the command to "be strengthened by the grace that is found in Christ Jesus"? Also see 2 Cor.12:9-12

5. What can you do in your every day life to "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead"? Jesus established The Lord's Supper or Communion so that we would remember Him and His death. Paul wrote to Timothy [verse 14] to " Keep reminding God's people of these things".

6. End your time thanking and praising God for His power and the power of His message that is transforming lives, yours included. Pray for your growth in Christ's grace to be a powerful messenger. Also, pray for people in your life that need to see and hear God's powerful message.

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