

# Be Strong In The Grace

2 Timothy 2:1-6

## Consider The Context

2 Timothy 1:7-13

- 3 don'ts...
  - Don't be **timid**
  - Don't be **ashamed**
  - Don't leave the **pattern**

2 Timothy 1:15-18

- But not all do that ... some will **"turn away"**

Therefore...

Be Strong In The Grace...

Paul is referring to a "specific grace"...

**"That is in Christ Jesus"**

Grace that is found by being "in Christ".

We've learned in recent weeks regarding this grace that it's...

A grace that has been **revealed** by God.

A grace that requires the **exercising of our free will**.

A grace that is **available to all** mankind.

An amazing grace that **provides for our remission of sins**, that demands our **faith and our obedience**.

Be Strong In The Grace...

This command indicates **the possibility of otherwise**... not being strong in the grace.

We're either **strong** in the grace or we're **not** in the grace.

Being **lukewarm** in the grace is **not an option**.

How is "strong in the grace" defined?

How is it achieved?

Look again to the context...

The 5 Parts to becoming “strong in the grace”.

#1 – Personal commitment to evangelism – pass it on!

2 Timothy 2:2

“The things which you have heard from me... these **entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.**”

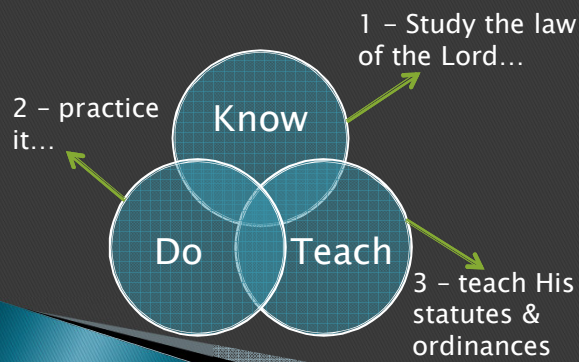
Be strong in what God’s grace taught.

Remember: Grace came teaching.  
Titus 2:11–12

You can’t teach what you don’t know.

A 3 step process – Ezra 7:10

Ezra 7:10 – Ezra had set his heart to...



It’s one of the 3 keys in overcoming Satan and being victorious in our spiritual battle...

Revelation 12:11 – **“because of the word of their testimony”**

The principle of 2 Timothy 2:2 is seen in the book of Acts – souls were “added” (Acts 5:14) when the word being preached “multiplied” (Acts 12:24).

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#2 – Endure Hardship

2 Timothy 2:3

**“Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus”**

Make the spiritual investment –

2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 10:32; Matthew 6:19ff; Luke 14:27–28

Can you trust the Lord to guard what you’ve entrusted to him?

This makes you complete (James 1:2–4) and finds “favor” with God – 1 Peter 2:20

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#3 – Choose whom you will serve and eliminate distractions.

2 Timothy 2:4

“No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier”

Enlist – “to gather or collect an army, to enlist soldiers”. It’s a volunteer army – did you enlist?

Are you focused on your commander? Or are you distracted by the things of this life?

Hebrews 12:1–2; 2 Peter 2:20; Matthew 13:22

Who are we trying to “please”? Romans 8:6–8; Galatians 1:10

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#4 – respect divine authority – submit to God according to His “rules”.

2 Timothy 2:5

“If anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes **according to the rules**”

Do we respect God’s authority and His right to rule in our lives? Are we concerned about “handling accurately” God’s word? (2 Timothy 2:15)

What we do is either by man’s authority or God’s. Matthew 21:23–27

Direct commands, apostolic authority and forced conclusions matter! Acts 15.

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#5 – be a diligent worker – put your hand to the plow and don’t look back.

2 Timothy 2:6

“**The hard-working farmer** ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops”

The key to being strong in the grace and being steadfast in His service is “abounding in the work of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Complete devotion. Mark 12:30; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Colossians 3:23; 1 Corinthians 9:24

“Give Him all thou hast to give”

## Conclusion:

- ▶ God has granted us access to His grace. Romans 5:1-2
- ▶ It's up to us to decide whether we want to enjoy the blessings of it. Remember Naaman.
- ▶ If we've been blessed by His grace, our only choice is to **"be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus"** by:

## Conclusion:

- Passing the word of His grace on to others.
- Enduring the hardship that comes our way.
- Eliminating the distractions.
- Respecting divine authority.
- Be a diligent worker for His cause.