

The gift of Endurance

Text: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

1. Paul and his illustrations to Timothy
 - a. First, consider the source of Timothy's exhortation to endure.
 - b. The three powerful illustrations of endurance.
 - i. V3 Be a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
 - ii. V5 Be a good athlete.
 - iii. V6 Be a good farmer.
 - c. V7-10 Paul's advice about what allowed him to endure.
2. Endurance starts with Christ and is given to his children
 - a. Psalm 136:1, 2, 3, 4,5,10,11,17,23,24,25, and 26
 - b. The psalmist said it and the Jesus proved it and Paul spoke it in Hebrew 12:2.
 - c. Endure because
 - i. God will use this endurance for your perfecting James 2:1-5
 - ii. God will remove the suffering James 1:12 and 5:11
3. Endure until the end
 - a. How do we endure. 2 Chronicles 20:12
 - b. Having the Lord foremost in our mind, heart, and soul. Hebrews 10:35-39.
 - c. Having put your hand to the plow Luke 9:62