

# A Biblically Shaped Life: Like a Good Soldier

2 Timothy 2:3-4

**Context:** Every Christian's call to disciple making (2 Tim. 2:1-2)

**2** You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,<sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

Be \_\_\_\_\_ in the "grace" of Christ, not in the abilities of self ...

... as you \_\_\_\_\_ the treasure of life and hope that is the \_\_\_\_\_ ...

... and \_\_\_\_\_ to another spiritual generation of faithful believers.

We \_\_\_\_\_ God best by \_\_\_\_\_ Him and making Him \_\_\_\_\_.

## The metaphor of a "good\* soldier":

There's a certain \_\_\_\_\_ we need to adopt and a certain \_\_\_\_\_ we need to embrace as Christians to be faithful to and successful at the great task before us.

This command isn't just for the naturally \_\_\_\_\_, the well-trained and \_\_\_\_\_, or the most \_\_\_\_\_ among us. Being a "good soldier" is a metaphor of normal, healthy, biblical, God-honoring Christianity.

1) If I'm a Christian, I've been \_\_\_\_\_ into the army of the Great King.

*Authority*

*Responsibility*

*Comradery*

*Fidelity*

2) I am in a \_\_\_\_\_, so I should expect some \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

And God – by His grace – will use my suffering to make me \_\_\_\_\_!

(James 1:2-3)

*God's great aim in my life is not to \_\_\_\_\_ me, \_\_\_\_\_ me, or \_\_\_\_\_ to me.*

*It is to \_\_\_\_\_ me, \_\_\_\_\_ me, and \_\_\_\_\_ me as He sees fit.*

3) The Enemy uses \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to make me weaker, more vulnerable, and less effective.

Remember – we are not in that 'civilian' world anymore!

We must be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on our operation order.

## The ultimate ambition of a "good soldier":

*"... his aim is to please the one who enlisted him."*

A person who lives primarily for \_\_\_\_\_ pleasure can never be a good soldier in the army of the Great King.

A person who values most the opinions \_\_\_\_\_ will never be a good soldier in the army of the Great King.

King Jesus is looking for men and women who will – at whatever cost and in the face of any distraction – make it their life aim to \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Reward: 2 Timothy 2:10

<sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.