



## Secrets from the Battlefield, the Ballfield, and a Corn Field!

### 2 Timothy 1:1-8 (HCSB)

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, for the promise of life in Christ Jesus: <sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my dearly loved son. Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup> I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience as my ancestors did, when I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Remembering your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy, <sup>5</sup> clearly recalling your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois, then in your mother Eunice, and that I am convinced is in you also. <sup>6</sup> Therefore, I remind you to keep ablaze the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands. <sup>7</sup> For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love, and sound judgment. <sup>8</sup> So don't be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, or of me His prisoner. Instead, share in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God.*

### 2 Timothy 2:1-6 (HCSB)

*You, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup> Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the concerns of civilian life; he seeks to please the recruiter. <sup>5</sup> Also, if anyone competes as an athlete, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> The hardworking farmer ought to be the first to get a share of the crops.*

Have you ever considered the fact that perhaps the greatest thing you might do with your life is pour into a future leader?

- Pour into your kids. (Psalm 78:4-8)
- Ladies, pour into other ladies. (Titus 2)
- Men, invest in younger men.

### 1. Stay focused. (2 Timothy 2:3-4)

- A good soldier expects difficulties, lives to please his commanding officer and stays focused on the mission.
- What are the good things in your life that are keeping you from the main things?

### 2. Stay fit. (2 Timothy 2:5)

- Successful athletes compete by the rules, submit to their coach, and train to win.
- To multiply spiritually I must discover, develop, and deploy my spiritual gifts. (2 Timothy 1:6)

### 1 Timothy 4:7 (HCSB)

*But have nothing to do with irreverent and silly myths. Rather, train yourself in godliness,*

- One of the most important things a believer can do in their lives is develop his or her gifting.

### 3. Stay faithful. (2 Timothy 2:6)

- To multiply spiritually you have to commit to faithfully do the work. (Galatians 6:7-9)

Spiritual multiplication takes:

Plowing - Consistent prayer for God to soften a heart.

Sowing - Consistent teaching the truths of God's word.

Watering - Consistent encouragement to stay in the fight.

Sunlight - Trusting in God's supernatural power to bring about the growth.

### 1 Corinthians 3:6 (NIV)

*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.*