

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
**PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO TIMOTHY**  
**LESSON 2**  
**2 TIMOTHY 2:1-26**  
**WEEK OF MAY 4 – May 9**

**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FAITHFUL AND PRODUCTIVE CHRISTIAN**

Paul, in his final letter of his life, is writing this letter of instruction to his spiritual “son”, Timothy. Paul exhorts Timothy in Chapter 1 to continue to grow in maturity and godliness, to trust in Christ to supply courage and boldness to stand firm in Christ, to be unashamed of the gospel of Christ and to guard the treasure, the truth of the gospel. In Chapter 2, Paul gives 7 powerful illustrations to paint the picture of an obedient Christian engaged in ministry. These word pictures describe the characteristics of a pastor or minister (which applies to all believers devoted to serving Christ). Paul provides these seven vivid pictures: 1. *The Teacher or Steward of the Word* (vs.1-2); 2. *The Soldier* (vs 3-4); 3. *The Athlete* (vs.5); 4. *The Farmer* (vs.6-7); 5. *The Workman* (vs. 14-18); 6. *The Vessel* (vs. 19-22); 7. *The Servant (Slave)* (vs. 23-26). As you consider each of these pictures, ask God to make clear what changes or actions you should take in response to these great truths.

**Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2 The Teacher or Steward**

1. Paul opens in **2 Timothy 2:1** with You “*therefore*”. By using therefore, what is Paul referring to?
2. What does Paul command Timothy in **2 Timothy 2:1**? Who supplies that strength?
3. What is the Teacher called to do in **2 Timothy 2:2**?

**Read 2 Timothy 2:3-7 The Soldier, Athlete and Farmer**

4. What are the characteristics of a faithful and productive Christian (or principals to apply) from each of the following illustrations:
  - **The Soldier (vs. 3-4)**
  - **The Athlete (vs. 5)**
  - **The Farmer (vs. 6-7)**

## Read 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Motives for Faithful Service

5. Paul provides four powerful motives for a lifetime of faithful and sacrificial service to Christ. From the following passages describe and explain those motives:

- **2 Timothy 2:8**
- **2 Timothy 2:9**
- **2 Timothy 2:10**
- **2 Timothy 2:11-13**

6. How do those motives fuel your passion for faithful service?

## Read 2 Timothy 2:14-26 The Workman (or Craftsman), The Vessel and The Slave (or Servant)

7. Describe Paul's instructions and exhortation from the illustration of the Workman (**2 Timothy 2:14-18**).

8. How is it that a Workman would be ashamed (**2 Timothy 2:15**)?

9. From **2 Timothy 2:19-22**, what characterizes a vessel of honor?

10. Fleeing from youthful lusts (**vs. 22**) involves much more than sexual desires. What other sins would be included as youthful lusts?

11. What are the characteristics of the bond-servant (slave) from **2 Timothy 2:23-26**?

12. As you consider these word pictures describing the faithful and sacrificial service of the believer, which of them impacted you most and what steps will you take, trusting in the grace of the Lord, to conform your life to God's standards?