

Paul tells Timothy to *think over* the information he gives in the 7th verse of chapter 2 as well as in all this letter.

I-The Son's Responsibility- vs. 1-2

A-Each of us who know Christ as Savior have *responsibilities* as children of God that we must be faithful to perform.

It would be a useless statement to tell new believers to be *weak*.

We are to grow in our strength. It is the believer's *responsibility*.

1- *1 Cor.16:13* 2- *Gal. 5:1* 3- *Ephes. 6:10-11*

4- *Phil. 1:27* 5- *Phil. 4:1* 6- *Col.1:9-10*

7- *1 Thess. 3:8* 8- *1 Thes. 4:1* 9- *1 Thess. 5:11*

10- *2 Thess. 2:15* 11- *2 Tim. 2:1* 12- *1 Pet. 5:6-11*

'I can do all things *through Him who strengthens me.*' Phil 4:13

B-Entrust to faithful men-

From the baptism of John, *Andrew* went to reach Peter with the good news.

Our ministry is to *train and nurture* those who come to Christ.

Man is God's method to take the *gospel* to the world and to

train believers.

II- THE SON'S REMINDER- V.3-5

The 'Hide thyself' of 1 Kings 18:3 is to prepare for the *'show thyself'* of 18:1.

The '*stand still*' of Exodus 14:13 is to prepare for the 'go forward' of 14:15.

The '*wait*' of Acts 1:4 is to prepare for the '*witness*' of v.8.

A. The soldier is to share in sufferings which speaks of *hardships*.

B. The athlete must compete *by the rules*.

C. The farmer is one who is *hard working*.

III-THE SON'S REWARD- V. 5-7

The person who would win must be in the race.

The person in the race must be serving the captain.

The person 'running' must finish to win the crown.

We must pass on the truth, we must be endure hardship, we must follow the rules for we will one day stand before the righteous judge.