

# God' Purposes

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: II Timothy 2:2.

B. Paul knew that his days were numbered in writing his last letter to Timothy.

## II. Paul considered Timothy to be a spiritual son in the faith.

A. We should all have a spiritual father. (Hebrews 13:17)

B. We should all be looking for a relationship that we can invest in also. (Matthew 23:8)

C. Both relationships cost our lives—there is freedom and love.

## III. Paul said to be strong in grace.

A. Christ must live our life through us. (Colossians 3:4)

B. Grace and truth comes by Him.

C. One of the proofs of true conversion is the presence of grace.

## IV. God's method is men. Paul was available to God to be used for Timothy.

## V. Paul's teaching was open and verifiable. (Acts 17:11)

## VI. Paul passed on his teaching to faithful men. (I Corinthians 4:1-2, II Corinthians 5)

A. We must be faithful towards men.

B. We must also be faithful in that which is another man's.

## VII. We are soldiers of Jesus Christ.

A. It is easy to give one's life to things. It is difficult to give oneself to men.

1. We cannot fake giving ourselves to men.

2. The essence of love is vulnerability.

B. The affairs of life that entangle us are the normal activities of this life.

C. Christ has chosen us to be a soldier—we must determine whether we are pleasing Him.

**Application questions:**

1. Why is it important to find a spiritual mentor?

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2. What does it look like to pass on teaching faithfully when one does not serve in an official capacity?

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3. Which “affairs” do you need to get in order to serve God better? What can you do to make this happen?

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