

Series: 2 Timothy  
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**THINKING CHRISTIANLY**  
**2 Timothy 2:3-6**

Introduction

**Thinking about ourselves as good soldiers of Christ Jesus. (3-4)**

*Suffer hardship with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.*

We are all “fellow soldiers.” (Philippians 2:25; Philemon 2)

We are all under authority. (Matthew 8:9)

We are people who the Lord can trust (Acts 10:1-2)

We understand the nature of our warfare and what weapons we have in this fight. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:14-17)

**Thinking about ourselves as athletes who are competing to win. (5)**  
*Also is anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.*

We have a single goal that requires stringent self-discipline.  
(1 Corinthians 9:22-27)

We have a single example on whom to focus. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

**Thinking about ourselves as farmers who work hard so as to share in the harvest. (6)**

*The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops.*

We are people who realize the work of the ministry is hard work.  
(Colossians 1:28-29)

We are people who know that sharing in the rewards of our labor is a part of God’s plan for His people. (1 Corinthians 9:9-11; Matthew 9:36-38; 6:19-21)