

Not In Denial (2 Timothy 2:1-13)

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Introduction

I. Timothy, Stay Faithful to Minister (2:1-7)

A. Defined by Grace (2:1)

Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

B. Transmit Grace (2:2)

Commit what you heard from me to men who can teach

C. Devoted Endurance for the Lord (2:3-6)

Soldiers Endure Hardship to Please His Recruiter (2:3-4) *Endure hardship as soldier*

Athletes Endeavor to Earn the Victor's Wreath (2:5)

Compete according to the rules

Farmers Labor to Profit from the Harvest (2:6)

Farmer must be first to partake

D. Dovetailing with the Lord (2:7)

God will give you understanding

II. Paul's Faithful Example (2:8-10)

A. Declaring the Message of the Risen Christ Led to Paul's Imprisonment (2:8-9)

Paul was imprisoned, but God's word was not imprisoned.

B. Paul Decides to Suffer All Things so the Elect [_____] May Be Rewardable (2:10)

Who are the *elect* here?

What does *salvation/deliverance* of the *elect* mean here?

III. Faithfulness of God, Even if Paul and Timothy Become Faithless (2:11-13)

An unnoticed literary device in 2:1-13

A. God's Faithful Promise (2:11a)

It is a trustworthy statement:

B. God's Faithful Promise of Life to Believers (2:11b)

In 2 Timothy who are *we*?

How do people die with Jesus Christ?

For if we died with Him,

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. (Romans 6:8)

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. (Galatians 2:20)

For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:3)

Life is promised to those who died with Jesus Christ?

We will also live with Him;

C. God's Faithful Promise of Co-Reigning to Enduring Believers (2:12a)

1. The challenge to endure

If we endure,

2. Co-reigning promised to those believers who endure

we will also reign with Him;

[To the first slave, He said:] "Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities." ... [To the second, He said:] "And you are to be over five cities." (Luke 19:17, 19)

D. God's Faithful Promise to Deny Co-Reigning to AWOL Believers (2:12b)

1. The challenge against denying

If we deny Him,

What does *denial* mean?

Illustration 1: Ben wants to use the the car this evening. Dad says, "No."

Ben's father denied _____ .
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Illustration 2: The student received a grade of F.

The teacher denied _____ .
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Illustration 3: Osama applies for a visa to the United States.

The Dept. of State denied _____ .
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Illustration 4: The thief could not access the ATM.

The scanner denied _____ .
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Illustration 5: Siemian's turnovers ended his starting quarterback role.

The Broncos denied _____ .
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If we (_____ and _____) deny _____ ...

Warning against denial:

Whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him _____
before My Father... (Matt 10:33)

Jesus told Peter, "You will deny Me three times" (26:34). Peter said, "I do not know the Man" (Matt 26:72).

Peter denied Jesus Christ _____.

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2. Denial of co-reigning is promised to AWOL believers *He will deny us;*

He will deny us (_____ and _____) _____.

[E. God is Faithful to Deny

F. God is Faithful to His Promises Even If Believers Become Faithless (2:13)

If we (_____ and _____) are faithless, He remains faithful,

For He cannot deny Himself _____.

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God makes three promises here. He cannot nullify any of them:
Summary of the three promises that God must keep (2:11b-12b)

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| (2 Timothy 2:11b) will live with Him. | |
| (2 Timothy 2:12a) _____ believers will co-reign. | (2 Timothy 2:12a) _____ believers will not co-reign. |
| (Implicit in 2 Timothy 2) will not live with Him. | |

CONCLUSION