

Title: **"BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST"**

Text: **2 Timothy 1-2**

(I) A FATHER'S ADMONITION

1. To be strong

2. To find that strength in the grace found in the Lord Jesus Christ

(II) GRACE IN LIFE AND MINISTRY

1. Saved (2 Timothy 1:9a)

a) From death

b) To life

c) Through the Gospel (**2 Timothy 1:10**)

2. Called (2 Timothy 1:9b)

a) Appointed

i) A preacher

ii) An apostle

iii) A teacher of the Gentiles

b) Suffering

i) Accepted as part of ministry (**2 Timothy 1:12a**)

ii) Undeterred and unashamed (**2 Timothy 1:12b**)

iii) Absolute confidence in Christ (**2 Timothy 1:12c**)

(III) CHALLENGE TO SUCCEED IN LIFE AND MINISTRY

1. Vital ministry

- a) To treasure vital spiritual knowledge (**2 Timothy 2:2**)
- b) To pass on this knowledge to the next generation (**2 Timothy 2:2**)

2. Essential strength

- a) To be found in the grace of the Lord
- b) To learn how to draw this strength from the Lord

3. Powerful imagery employed

- a) A good soldier who is able to endure hardship (**2 Timothy 2:3-4**)
- b) A good athlete who does not cheat (**2 Timothy 2:5**)
- c) A hardworking farmer (**2 Timothy 2:6**)