

## **Sermon Outline**

**Sermon Series:** Passing the Baton of a Faithful Ministry **Sermon:** Foundational Keys of a Strong Spiritual Life

Key Verse: II Timothy 2:1-7 (ESV)

Introduction: Be strong in grace! v1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,

Paul gives Timothy four foundational keys to a strong spiritual life
I. Be a <u>Recruiter</u> of Teachers - v2
<sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men,<sup>[a]</sup> who will be able to teach others

## II. Be a <u>*Resilient*</u> Soldier – v3-4

<sup>3</sup> Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

III. Be a <u>Respectful</u> Athlete – v5 An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

IV. Be a <u>*Really*</u> Fatigued Farmer -v6 <sup>6</sup> It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.

The Takeaway: <u>*Rely*</u> on the Lord for understanding. – v7 <sup>7</sup> Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.