



Series: Last Words: A Study of 2 Timothy

Message: Don't Be A Quitter

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*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish. He was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterward. Now he is seated in the place of highest honor beside God's throne in heaven. Think about all he endured when sinful people did such terrible things to him, so that **you don't become weary and give up.***

Hebrews 12:1-3 NLT

Don't be a quitter (2 Timothy 2:1-6, 15)

Be strong spiritually.

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:1 NIV

Mentoring is a must.

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

v. 2 NIV

Who is the Paul in your life? _____

Who is the Barnabas in your life? _____

Who is the Timothy in your life? _____

Endure hardship.

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer. Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor’s crown unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.

v. 3–6 NIV

Be tough like a soldier.

Be disciplined like an athlete.

Be a hard worker like a farmer.

Take responsibility for your own spiritual growth.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

v. 15 NIV