

Creskide Community Church  
"Be Strong!" 2 Timothy  
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## **A Leader's Character (part 1)** (2 Timothy 2:1-7)

### **A Call to Be Strong (1-2)**

### **Three Pictures of Strength of Character**

**1. A Soldier's Dedication** (vs. 3-4)

**2. An Athlete's Discipline** (vs. 5)

**3. A Farmer's Diligence** (vs. 6)

**What Should We Learn from These Pictures?** (vs. 7)

**For further thought and discussion:**

**Getting Started**

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. In what areas of your life would you like to be stronger? What would this strength look like?

**Going Deeper**

3. Please read 2 Timothy 1:1-2. Why does Paul call Timothy to be strong? What kind of strength is Paul talking about? Where is Timothy to find this strength?
4. Please read Col. 1:17. What does Christ's strength in a Christian's life look like? What are some differences between a person with strong character and a person of weak character? Why should a Christian be known as a strong person? Can you think of a time when you've seen this kind of strength in a believer? How practically do we experience the strength of God's grace?
5. According to verse 2, why does Timothy need strength of character? Why does this mission require the strength of God's grace? Do you think this command is given only to Timothy or to all believers? Why? How would you apply it in your own life?
6. Please read vs. 3-6. For each picture, discuss
  - a. What kind of strength do we see in this picture?
  - b. What is the goal this kind of strength is needed for?
  - c. What does this picture tell you about the Christian life?
  - d. How would you apply this lesson to your own life?
7. Please read vs. 7. What does this verse imply about the way Christ speaks to us? Which of these three pictures of strength are most helpful to you and why?

**Application:** What is one lesson you've learned from this passage and how will you apply it to your life?