

Athletes, Soldiers, and Farmers



1 Peter 2:9 (KJV) — 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

2 Timothy 2:1–3 (KJV) — 1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 2:4–6 (KJV) — 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. 6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

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2 Corinthians 12:9 (KJV) — 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Ephesians 6:10 (KJV) — 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong
in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

2 Timothy 2:2 (KJV) — 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 1:13 (KJV) — 13 Hold fast the form of **sound words**, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

President Reagan

“The Great Communicator”



I wasn't a great communicator,
but *I communicated great things*,
[gathered from] our experience,
our wisdom, and our belief in
principles that have guided us for
two centuries.



1 Timothy 6:20 (KJV) — 20 O Timothy, keep that which is
committed to thy trust, . . .

In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.

(Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 19.1)

The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them. . . .
 . (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 19.2)

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US Navy Seals



. . . to meeting high standards or expectations of appearance, kind, or quality. . . (A *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, 3rd ed {BDAG}.)

None will ever be called to perfect Christian character under more unfavorable circumstances than that of our Saviour. The fact that Christ lived thirty years in Nazareth, from which many thought it a wonder if any good thing could come, is a rebuke to the youth who consider that their religious character must conform to circumstances.

(The Youth's Instructor, March 1, 1872, par. 4a)

If the surroundings of youth are unpleasant and positively bad, many make this an excuse for not perfecting Christian character. The example of Christ would rebuke the idea that his followers are dependent upon place, fortune, or prosperity, in order to live blameless lives. Christ would teach them that their faithfulness would make any place, or position, where the providence of God called them, honorable, however humble. (*The Youth's Instructor*, March 1, 1872, par. 4b)

The life of Christ was designed to show that purity, stability, and firmness of principle are not dependent upon a life freed from hardships, poverty, and adversity. The trials and privations of which so many youth complain, Christ endured without murmuring. And this discipline is the very experience the youth need, which will give firmness to their character, and make them like Christ, strong in spirit to resist temptation. They will not, if they separate from the influence of those who would lead them astray and corrupt their morals, be overcome by the devices of Satan. (*The Youth's Instructor*, March 1, 1872, par. 5a)

Through daily prayer to God, they will have wisdom and grace from him to bear the conflicts and stern realities of life, and come off victorious. Fidelity, and serenity of mind, can only be retained by watchfulness and prayer. Christ's life was an example of persevering energy, which was not allowed to become weakened by reproach, ridicule, privation or hardships. (*The Youth's Instructor*, March 1, 1872, par. 5b)

Thus should it be with the youth. If trials increase upon them, they may know that God is testing and proving their fidelity. And in just that degree that they maintain their integrity of character under discouragements, will their fortitude, stability, and power of endurance increase, and they wax strong in spirit. (*The Youth's Instructor*, March 1, 1872, par. 6)

2 Corinthians 4:17 (KJV) — 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

Richard Wurmbrand



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1 Corinthians 9:24, 25 (KJV) — 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

1 Corinthians 9:26, 27 (KJV) — 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Rosie Ruiz



2 Timothy 2:6 (KJV) — 6 The husbandman that laboureth
must be first partaker of the fruits.

Galatians 5:22, 23 (KJV) — 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Axiom of truth:

**You cannot share
something you
do not have.**

