







# The Suffering Sportsperson

2 Timothy 2:3-6



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## 2 Timothy 2:1-7 NIV

<sup>1</sup> You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. <sup>3</sup> Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather

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tries to please his commanding officer. <sup>5</sup> Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.



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Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

**1 Corinthians 9:25**

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**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.**

**2 Timothy 4:7**

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**Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

**James 4:7**

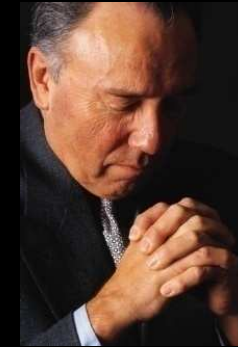
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## Conclusion:



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- **Decisions to make today!**
- **Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior**
- **Be baptized**
- **Join Bethlehem Baptist Church**
- **Ask for prayer**
- **Testify**
- **Ministry or Mission**

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**THIS YEAR, I WILL**

**Resolve: To Know Him (Jesus  
Christ)! Philippians 3:10-16**

