

“Search the Word” and Study of 2 TimothyDebbie Stuart**2 Timothy Ch. 4****2 Timothy 4:6 – The Message**

“This is the only race worth running. I’ve run hard right to the finish, believed all the way.”

“Many a would-be saint has lost communion with his heavenly Father and forfeited inner peace because of hate, resentment, and unforgiveness, even when these thoughts have been concealed in the innermost recesses of his heart.” - Frances Roberts

Crowning Accomplishments

Clothed in Christ's own righteousness, one day we will receive rewards for every good work we have accomplished in His name. The Bible clearly lists at least five crowns that will be awarded in Heaven.

- The first crown is the Victor's Crown. This crown will be awarded to those who discipline their minds through the study of God's Word and prayer. (1 Corinthians 9:25–27).
- The second is the Crown of Rejoicing, which will be given to those who have led others to Christ. (1 Thessalonians 2:19).
- The third is the Crown of Righteousness, which will be given to those who have a longing for the Lord Jesus—who look for Jesus' return. (2 Timothy 4:8).
- The fourth is the Crown of Life, placed upon those who have endured and triumphed over trial and temptation and persecution, even to the point of martyrdom. (James 1:12; Rev. 2:10).
- The fifth is the Crown of Glory, awarded to the faithful shepherds of the people of God and to Christian leaders. (1 Peter 5:4).

Running the Race – Group Activity:

Look up other references to “running the race”, or your spiritual journey and list the guidelines/action steps/direction given, to having a successful spiritual life. (Use Scripture Worksheet on back)

Closing Challenge:

2 Timothy 4: 1-5 (NLT)

I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when He comes to set up His Kingdom: Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.

For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

But you, _____ should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

Spiritual Growth Challenges from 2 Timothy

1. _____ expectantly
2. Stand courageously
3. Teach Biblically
4. _____ valiantly
5. Pray continually
6. Fight fearlessly
7. _____ intentionally
8. Lead tenaciously
9. Study diligently
10. _____ unconditionally
11. Obey consistently
12. Speak boldly
13. _____ correctly
14. Forgive quickly
15. Live authentically
16. _____ earnestly
17. Decide carefully
18. Guard appropriately
19. Persuade gently
20. _____ patiently
21. Watch constantly
22. Encourage personally
23. Suffer confidently
24. _____ daily
25. React wisely
26. Trust explicitly
27. Think righteously
28. _____ clearly
29. Believe seriously
30. Act forgivingly
31. Study daily
32. _____ faithfully