

**Our Job Description**  
**Series: E-100 – 2 Timothy 2**  
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Our essential passage today is found in 2 Timothy and deals with how we can fulfill our God-given job description.

*2 Timothy 1:14 Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.*

Paul gives four instructions that can help us guard the truth:

1. Be strong in grace.

*2 Timothy 2:1 Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus.*

We can only pass on to others what we ourselves have received.

The only reliable source of strength for us in difficult times is grace

2. Pass the truth on to others who will be able to pass it on to the people in their lives.

*2 Timothy 2:2 You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.*

We are all expected to be communicators of the truth that we ourselves are deeply convinced is true.

Our passing on God's truth is the process God has chosen to use to build His Kingdom.

3. Commit to obey.

*2 Timothy 2:3-6 <sup>3</sup>Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. <sup>5</sup>And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules. <sup>6</sup>And hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor.*

We are to have the dedication of a soldier.

We are to have the discipline of an athlete.

We are to have the diligence of a farmer.

4. Experience the tremendous, positive blessings that accompany our job.

Paul lists five fantastic encouragements for us:

A. We will be given understanding.

*2 Timothy 2:7 Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things.*

God's truth offers the only practical solution to the problems we face.

B. We have the power of the resurrected Jesus available to us.

*2 Timothy 2:8 Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach.*

*Romans 8:11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.*

We have a source of strength that nothing in the world can ever supply or rival.

C. Our source of truth, the Word of God, can never be limited or controlled.

*2 Timothy 2:9 And because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal. But the word of God cannot be chained.*

*Matthew 24:14 And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations[a] will hear it; and then the end will come.*

The Word of God cannot be defeated.

D. Whatever we endure, we can rejoice in the hope and deliverance the truth brings to others.

*2 Timothy 2:10 So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen.*

E. We will have a heavenly reward waiting for us.

*2 Timothy 2:11-13 <sup>11</sup> This is a trustworthy saying: If we die with him, we will also live with him. <sup>12</sup> If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us. <sup>13</sup> If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is.*

The eternal life God promises to those who endure is rock-solid certain.

### Conclusion

Every person who accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior has a job description.

2 Timothy 2:15 *Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.*

When we faithfully fulfill our job to carefully guard the truth, we will have a fantastic future.

2 Timothy 2:19 *But God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and "All who belong to the Lord must turn away from evil."*

God knows those who are His. There is no question in His mind.