

SHARING YOUR FAITH IN SPITE OF OPPOSITION

Passing on the Faith, Part 3

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Review:

Every conversion is one more link in a chain of faith stretching back 2000 years.

Question: Will you add to the chain, or break the chain?

To Overcome Opposition To Sharing My Faith:

1. Be Strong In _____ (verse 1)

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
2 Timothy 2:1

2. Do _____, Not Addition (verse 2)

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. Timothy 2:2

3. Be Prepared For _____ (verses 3-6)

Paul's pictures for living out our faith:

The Soldier (verses 3-4)

Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs; rather, they try to please their commanding officer.

The Athlete (verse 5)

Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules.

The Farmer (verse 6)

The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.

4. _____ On This (verse 7)

Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. Timothy 2:3-10

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day --- and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*