2 Timothy 2 • Characteristics of the Faithful Minister

1. (v.1-2) A faithful minister is not only transformed and lives according to God’s Word, but disciples others who in turn do the same.

2. (v.3-4) A faithful minister is no longer serving himself, much less when or where or for what pleases them, but exclusively according to the Word and ways of Christ the Commander.

3. (v.5) A faithful minister publicly lives according to the dictates and conditions of God’s Word and ways that they might be found ultimately successful according to God’s standard.

4. (v.6) A faithful minister patiently works in and out of season like a hard-working farmer for the results to eventually come.

5. (v.8-13) A faithful minister does not compromise the Gospel either in the course of their own life as they live it out, and their own life bearing witness of it to others.

6. (v.14-19) A faithful minister is focused on “accurately handling the word of truth” not just in their own life and ministry, but for the benefit of everyone around them.

7. (v.20-23) A faithful minister is a sanctified vessel of honor “prepared for every good work” of the Master, unpolluted by sin and pursuing “righteousness, faith, love and peace”.

8. (v.24-26) A faithful minister does not return evil for evil, but rises above it all to be a living example of what awaits the backslidden if they will return to Christ.

9. Overall Summary:
   a. (v.3-4) Suffer hardship so as to please Christ. (Ex.: Soldier)
   b. (v.5) Compete to win in compliance with the Word. (Ex.: Athlete)
   c. (v.6) Work hard to share in the harvest to eventually come. (Ex.: Farmer)
   d. (v.15) Diligently and accurately handle God’s Word. (Ex.: Workman)
   e. (v.21) Pursue sanctification. (Ex.: Vessels)
   f. (v.24-26) Carry out the Master’s business the same way the Master would. (Ex.: Bond-Servant)