

**THE PASTORAL EPISTLES**  
**I & II Timothy, Titus and Philemon**  
**“God Speaks to His Church”**

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*Honest Encouragement for Authentic Christian Living*  
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**Introduction**

- **The popular conception of Christian living**
- **The Pauline reality of Christian living**
- **Three powerful pictures to encourage authentic Christian living**

**I. Suffering like a soldier (2 Timothy 2:3-4)**

- A. The soldier's life
- B. The soldier's dedication
- C. The soldier's motivation

**II. Striving like an athlete (2 Timothy 2:5)**

- A. The athlete's effort
- B. The athlete's ethic
- C. The athlete's prize

**III. Working like a farmer (2 Timothy 2:6)**

- A. The farmer's labor
- B. The farmer's lifestyle
- C. The farmer's longing

**Conclusion (2 Timothy 2:7):**

- ◆ **Prayerfully considering each picture**
- ◆ **Pray for understanding from the Lord**
- ◆ **Provides honest encouragement for authentic Christian living**