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Topic: The Vision of Winning
Scriptural reference: 2 Tim 2: 1-7
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¹You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. ³Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No-one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs - he wants to please his commanding officer. ⁵Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. ⁷Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

Winning is one of the end results of the fullness of time. A vision is what you have ahead of you - where God is taking you. To win means to be victorious; to be accomplished. Winning always starts with a vision.

Not everyone wins even though everybody wants to win. As Christians, we must be ready to win.

Reasons for defeat

Disobedience brings defeat. In order to win, you must solve the problem of disobedience to God. Deut 28:1- "If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all His commands that I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth." We must always be obedient to God. Lev 20:26 We are being set apart to show obedience.

1 Sam 8: 4-8. In disobedience the children of Israel asked for a king in order to liken themselves to other nations even though they were set apart. Their motive for a king was such that they become like other nations.

2nd Tim 2:3 – in order to win, we need to discipline ourselves so that we will be obedient to our commander, Jesus Christ. If you are indisciplined, you will not succeed. He made reference to three personalities whose examples are worth emulating. These are a soldier, an athlete and a farmer.

A soldier – 2 Tim 2: 3 “³Endure hardship with is like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.⁴No-one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs - he wants to please his commanding officer” it takes self-discipline to win. 1 Cor 9:27 – No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize”. Without discipline, you will not abide by anything in the Word of God. A believer is a soldier of Christ and should not involve himself in civilian matters (matters of unbeliever).

You do not succeed, when you are lawless or indiscipline.

An athlete – Christians who want to win must follow the rules of the kingdom as referred to in 2 Tim 2:5 “This scripture likens us to an athlete. Verse 5 – “Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor’s crown unless he competes according to the rules”. You must be like an athlete who must train hard and follow the rules of the kingdom.

In this end times, there is so much lawless. Therefore, hard training is required in order to follow the rules. Lev 20:26 says you are separate; look at yourself as a different person. There are many biblical rules and you need to follow them through hard work such that, you will be able to abide by them.