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