

Questions to Consider—With the Master Holding Fast to the Truth—Lesson 8—2 Timothy 2:3-7—
Have You Counted the Cost of Following Christ?

1. (a) What are the three analogies that Paul compares the Christian life to in 2 Timothy 2:3-7? (b) Read 1 Corinthians 9 and note same three analogies. (c) Why do you think he uses these three analogies in both of these passages?

2. Memorize 2 Timothy 2:3, 4.

3. (a) What happens to those who endure hardships according to Hebrews 6:15; Hebrews 10:32-36; James 1:12; and James 5:11? (b) How does this encourage you in the difficulties of life, especially those which pertain to your sufferings for Christ?

4. (a) Paul compares the Christian life to that of a soldier. What are our weapons according to 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:11-18 and 1 Timothy 1:18-19? (b) What are some practical ways in which we can do spiritual battle?

5. (a) Paul tells Timothy to consider what he (Paul) says in 2 Timothy 2:7. Why is it essential that we meditate on the Words of God and not just read them according to Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1; Psalm 119:11-15; Psalm 119:97-104; and 2 Timothy 2:7? (b) What benefits have you found in your life of meditating (memorizing) Scripture?

6. (a) Have you counted the cost of being a disciple of Jesus? (b) What does Jesus say about consider the cost in Luke 14:26-33? (c) When you consider Jesus' words with the Apostle Paul's words in 2 Timothy 2:3-7, would you say it reflects "Christianity" in our day? (d) Why or why not? (e) Does it reflect your life? (f) Why or why not?

7. When you consider the three analogies Paul uses for the Christian life, which one stands out as the most needed in your life? Come with a request so that others might pray for you.