

Portraits of Faithful Christ-Followers

Part 6: The Farmer

II Timothy 2:6

Big Truth of this Series: The apostle Paul encourages and warns Timothy and all believers to follow, entrust, and be always ready to proclaim God's Word with confidence and joy as days of difficulty lie ahead.

Big Truth of Today's Message: Being strengthened by the grace in Christ, every Christ-follower is like a farmer, working hard, waiting patiently, and enjoying the fruits of his labor.

v. 6 – *“It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.”*

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Call To Worship

Galatians 3:23-29

Pastoral Prayer

Chad “Kicker” Kositzky

Student Pastor

Baptism

Luke Rabon

Songs of Worship

Come Christians

Join to Sing

In Christ Alone

Scripture Reading

Psalms 62:5-8

Songs of Worship

My Soul Will Wait

(Psalm 62)

O Great God

Message

Marty Brown

Teaching Pastor

Song of Response

O Great God

“God has hidden every precious thing in such a way that it is a reward to the diligent, a prize to the earnest, but a disappointment to the slothful soul. All nature is arrayed against the loungers and the idlers. The nut is hidden in its thorny case; the pearl is buried beneath the ocean waves; the gold is imprisoned in the rocky bosom of the mountains; the gem is found only after you crush the rock which encloses it; the very soil gives its harvest as a reward to the laboring farmer. So truth and God must be earnestly sought.”

~ A. B. Simpson

“Farming our hearts for spiritual growth and faithfulness requires both investment and patience. Farmers don't sit on their hands throughout spring and summer, hoping a few crops will pop up out of thin air. No, they work diligently toward the harvest. But they also know that they must wait patiently for the crops to take root, grow, and produce fruit. They work and wait. And that's the approach every believer is called to take.”

~ Glenna Marshall

“Here Timothy is led by contrast to a similitude totally devoid of excitement, remote from all glamor of peril and applause. The strenuous and prosaic toil of the tiller, his patience under uncertain seasons, his quiet waiting through pains for gains, this all is to enter deeply into the life of the Lord's servant; plowing, sowing, tending, and then reaping at last. That supreme quality is here in view, so great in the Gospel scale of virtues – the patience that goes on!”

~ H. G. Moule