

## STRIVING FOR MASTERIES

### 2 Tim 2:1-4

**1** Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. **2** And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. **3** Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. **4** No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. (KJV)

**2 Tim 2:5** And if a man also (\*)**strive for masteries**, yet is he not **(1)crowned**, except (\*)**he strive (2)lawfully**. (KJV)

#### Definitions

**(\*)strive for masteries**-118 athleo (ath-leh'-o); from athlos (a contest in the public lists); to contend in the competitive games, to engage in a contest, to contend in public games, to contend for a prize, to endure, to suffer: KJV-- strive.

**(1)crowned**-4737 stephanoo (stef-an-o'-o); from 4735; to adorn with an honorary wreath (literally or figuratively), 1) to encircle with a crown, to crown: the victor in a contest 2) to adorn, to honor: KJV-- crown.

**(2)lawfully**-3545 nomimos (nom-im'-oce); adverb from a derivative of 3551; legitimately (specifically agreeably to the rules of the lists), lawfully, agreeable to the law, properly: KJV-- lawfully.

**2 Tim 2:5 ... strive for masteries...Ref. Scriptures:** (KJV)

### Luke 13:23-28

**23** Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, **24** Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. **25** When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: **26** Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. **27** But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. **28** There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. (KJV)

### 1 Cor 9:24-27

**24** Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. **25** And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. **26** I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: **27** But **(1) I keep under** my body, and bring it **(2) into subjection**: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be **(3) a castaway**. (KJV)

#### Definitions:

**(1) I keep under** my body-5299 hupopiazo (hoop-o-pee-ad'-zo); from a compound of 5259 and a derivative of 3700; to hit under the eye (buffet or disable an antagonist as a pugilist), i.e. (figuratively) to tease or annoy (into compliance), subdue (one's passions): KJV-- keep under, weary, to beat black and blue, to strike so as to cause bruises and livid spots, like a boxer one buffets his body, to handle it roughly, to discipline by hardships, metaphorically: to give one intolerable annoyance; to wear one out, by entreaties.

**(2) bring it into subjection**-1396 doulagoge (doo-lag-ogue-eh'-o); from a presumed compound of 1401 and 71; to be a slave-driver, i.e. to enslave (figuratively, subdue): KJV-- bring into subjection, to lead away into slavery, claim as one's slave, to make a slave and to treat as a slave, that is, with severity, subject to stern and rigid discipline.

**(3) should be a castaway**-96 adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1384; unapproved, i.e. rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally): KJV-- castaway, rejected, reprobate. not standing the test, not approved: properly used of metals and coins, that which does not prove itself as it should: unfit for, unproved, spurious, reprobate

### **Eph 6:10-18**

**10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. **11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. **13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; **15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. **17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: **18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (KJV)

### **Phil 1:15-19**

**15** Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: **16** The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: **17** But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel. **18** What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. **19** For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, (KJV)

### **Col 1:23-29**

**23** If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; **24** Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: **25** Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; **26** Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: **27** To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: **28** Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: **29** Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily. (KJV)

**2 Tim 2:15 (1) Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **(2) rightly dividing** the word of truth. (KJV)

#### **Definitions**

**(1) Study**-4704 spoudazo (spoo-dad'-zo); from 4710; to use speed, i.e. to make effort, be prompt

or earnest: KJV-- do (give) diligence, be diligent (forward), endeavour, labour, study, to hasten, to make haste, to exert oneself.

**(2) rightly dividing** the word of truth-3718 orthotomeo (or-thot-om-eh'-o); from a compound of 3717 and the base of 5114, to make a straight cut, i.e. (figuratively) **to dissect** (expound) correctly (the divine message): KJV-- rightly divide, to cut straight, to cut straight ways, to proceed on straight paths, to hold a straight course, equivalent to doing right, to make straight and smooth, to handle aright, to teach the truth directly and correctly.

### **Heb 12:1-13**

**1** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, **2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.** **3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.** **4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.** **5** And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: **6** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. **7** If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? **8** But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. **9** Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? **10** For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. **11** Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. **12** Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; **13** And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. (KJV)

**2 Tim 2:5 ... yet is he not crowned...Ref. Scriptures:** (KJV)

### **1 Tim 1:7-11**

**7** Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. **8** But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; **9** Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, **10** For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; **11** According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. (KJV)

### **2 Tim 4:2-8**

**2 Preach the word;** be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. **3 For the time will come** when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, **(1) having itching ears;** **4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. **5** But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. **6** For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. **7** I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: **8** Henceforth there is laid up for me a

crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. (KJV)

**Definition: (1) having itching ears**-2833 knetho (knay'-tho);from a primary knao (to scrape); to scratch, i.e. (by implication) to tickle: KJV-- X itching, to tickle, to cause to itch, desirous of hearing something pleasant

### **Heb 2:7-12**

7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: **8** Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. **10** For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. **11** For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, **12** Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. (KJV)

### **James 1:12-16**

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. **13** Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: **14** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. **15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. **16** Do not err, my beloved brethren. (KJV)

### **1 Pet 5:1-4**

**1** The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: **2** Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; **3** Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. (KJV)

### **Rev 2:10-11**

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. **11** He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. (KJV)

### **Rev 3:10-11**

**10** Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. 11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.(KJV)

**THE LOCATION FOR THE SCRIPTURES MENTIONED DURING THE AUDIO:**

### **Matt 7:13-15**

**13** Enter ye in at the strait gate: **for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:** **14** Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few there be that find it.** **15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. (KJV)

**Matt 22:14** For many are (1) called, but few are chosen. (KJV)

**Definition: (1) called-**2822 kletos (klay-tos'); from the same as 2821; invited, i.e. appointed, or (specifically) a saint: KJV—called, invited (by God in the proclamation of the Gospel) to obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom through Christ

### **Phil 2:12-13**

**12** Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with (1) fear and (2) trembling.** **13** For it is God which worketh in you both to will and **to do of his good pleasure.** (KJV)

#### **Definitions**

**(1) fear-**5401 phobos (fob'-os); from a primary phobomai (to be put in fear); alarm or fright: KJV-- be afraid, + exceedingly, fear, terror, fear, dread, terror; what strikes terror

**(2) trembling-**5156 tromos (trom'-os); from 5141; a "trembling", i.e. quaking with fear: KJV-- + tremble (-ing), with fear and trembling, used to describe the anxiety of one who distrusts his ability completely to meet all requirements, but religiously does his utmost to fulfil his duty

### **Phil 1:29-30**

**29** For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; **30** Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me. (KJV)

### **Luke 9:20-26**

**20** He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God. **21** And he straitly charged them, and commanded them to tell no man that thing; **22** Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. **23** **And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.** **24** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. **25** For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? **26** For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels. (KJV)

### **Gal 5:19-26**

**19** **Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;** Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, **20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, **21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. **22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

**24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. (KJV)**

**Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. (KJV)**

**1 Cor 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. (KJV)**

**2 Tim 3:12-17**

**12** Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. **13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. **14** But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; **15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (KJV)

**Matt 7:21-25**

**21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. **22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. **24** Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: **25** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. (KJV)

**Luke 6:45-46**

**45** A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. **46** And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? (KJV)

**Luke 4:5-8**

**5** And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **6** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. **7** If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. **8** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. (KJV)

**2 Cor 4:3-5**

**3** But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. **5** For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. (KJV)

### **Rom 8:1-9**

**1** There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. **3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness **of sinful flesh**, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **5** For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. **6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.** **7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God:** for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.** **9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.** (KJV)

### **1 Cor 2:11-16**

**11** For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. **13** Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.** **15** But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. **16** For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. (KJV)

### **Rom 8:26-27**

**26** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.** (KJV)

### **1 Cor 2:9-10**

**9** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. **10** But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: **for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.** (KJV)

**Ps 7:9** Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous **God trieth the hearts and reins.** (KJV)

### **Heb 4:11-13**

**11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.** **12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.** (KJV)

**John 17:1** These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour

is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: (KJV)

**John 17:6** I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.(KJV)

**John 17:9 I pray for them:** I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. (KJV)

**John 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name:** those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. (KJV)

**John 17:14 I have given them thy word;** and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (KJV)

**John 17:16-17**

**16 They are not of the world,** even as I am not of the world. **17 Sanctify them through thy truth:** thy word is truth. (KJV)

**John 17:20-21**

**20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;** **21 That they all may be one;** as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. (KJV)

**Acts 2:41-42**

**41 Then they that gladly received his word** were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. **42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. (KJV)

**Phil 3:20 For our (1) conversation** is in heaven; from whence also **we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:** (KJV)

**Definition: (1) conversation** is in heaven-4175 politeuma (pol-it'-yoo-mah);from 4176; a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively): KJV—conversation, the administration of civil affairs or of a commonwealth, the constitution of a commonwealth, form of government and the laws by which it is administered, a state, a commonwealth; the commonwealth of citizens....4176 politeuomai (pol-it'-yoo'-om-ahee);middle voice of a derivative of 4177; to behave as a citizen (figuratively): KJV-- let conversation be, live.

**2 Pet 3:10-12**

**10 But the day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?** (KJV)