

**Becoming Authentic Disciples Part 7
Principles of Excellence in Doing God's Work**

1. Entrust the message to reliable people who will be qualified to teach others.

- **2 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)**
- **¹ You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And 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.**

2. Endure hardship like a good soldier.

- **2 Timothy 2:3-4 (NIV)**
- **³ Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer.**

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- **1 Timothy 6:12 (NIV)**
- **¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.**

3. As an excellent athlete compete according to the rules.

2 Tim 2:5 (NLT)

⁵ Follow the Lord's rules for doing his work, just as an athlete either follows the rules or is disqualified and wins no prize.

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• 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (NIV)

• ²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

4. Work hard like a faithful farmer and expect to be fruitful.

• 2 Timothy 2:6 (NIV)

• ⁶ The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.

5. Become an approved workman who accurately handles God's word.

- 2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)
- ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

5. Become an approved workman who accurately handles God's word.

- 1 Corinthians 3:10 (NIV)
- ¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds.

5. Become an approved workman who accurately handles God's word.

- 2 Timothy 2:16-18 (NIV)
- ¹⁶ Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. ¹⁷ Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸ who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.

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- **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)**
- **¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

6. Strive to be an instrument for God's noble purposes.

- **2 Timothy 2:20-21 (NIV)**
- **²⁰ In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. ²¹ If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.**

7. Flee evil and pursue God's ways with those who serve the Lord.

- **2 Timothy 2:22 (NIV)**
- **²² Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.**








