

# Spiritual Commissary

***2 Timothy 2:6-7 KJV “The husbandman that laboureth must first be partaker of the fruits. Consider what I say and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.”***

Hello brothers in Christ, PRAY and grab your Bible.

I pray you all are resting in the grace, and promises, and peace of God even if times are tough. Alright, we have seen that we should be more disciplined and focused than Roman soldiers, the most successful army in History. We should train and focus more than Olympic athletes who do so for mere medals and praise of people. Now Paul is going to show us how we should work harder than a farmer. Wait, what, a farmer? Yes!

“Husbandman, n. A Farmer; a cultivator or tiller of the ground; one who labors in tillage. In America, where men generally own the land in which they labor, the proprietor of a farm is also a laborer or husbandman; but the word includes the lessee and the owner. 2. The master of a family. [Not in use in America.]”<sup>(1)</sup>

Now “*The husbandmen that laboureth*” let's look at laboureth here. Of course from the root word labor in English.

“Labor, v To exert muscular strength; to act or move with painful effort, particularly in servile occupations; to work; to toil. 2. To exert one's powers of body or mind, or both, in the prosecution of any design; to strive; to take pains.”<sup>(1)</sup>

The original Greek word used here was **ΚΟΠΙΩΝΤΑ (kopionta)** which LITERALLY means “laboring to exhaustion”. This can be looked up in Strong's Concordance word number 2872, or other sources such as Vine's, or Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament words.

“Laboring to EXHAUSTION”! REMEMBER the Soldier, the Olympic Athlete, now the Farmer's. This is a spiritual WAR we are in and Satan wants you and your family, and friends as far from Christ as possible!

***John 10:10 KJV “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”***

Jesus Christ wants to give you life and more abundant life, this does not mean prosperous in monetary means necessarily, and will undoubtedly not be without great suffering here for this short time. Keep your mind, body, and spirit on things eternal always.

The following is a speech Paul Harvey gave during a superbowl commercial for Ram trucks in 1978.

“And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, “I need a caretaker.” So God made a farmer.

God said, “I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board.” So God made a farmer.

God said, “I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wives done feeding visiting ladies and tell the ladies to be sure to come back real soon - and mean it.” So God made a farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor’s place. So God made a farmer.

God said, “I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadowlark. It had to be somebody who’d plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed, and rake disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week’s work with a five-mile drive to church.

Somebody who’d bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life ‘doing what dad does.’” So God made a farmer”

“Labor to exhaustion” !!!!

I'm not going to sugar coat this for you all and tell you "Stay Strong" or "You can do this" I am going to give you the Gospel TRUTH that CUTS us to the marrow and rips our hearts out while strengthening them at the same time. When we realize we are so weak we can't even stand or take a breath without Christ, that's when He gives us strength for His glory, not ours. When we realize it's impossible for us to do these things, that's when God picks us up and does mighty things through us, for His glory not ours. Just like this speech one key phrase I want you to notice is "God Made" there are no "self-made" men in all of God's Creation.

Laziness WILL NOT get you to Him, but only give Satan a major advantage in separating you and those you love from God. Go after Him with every ounce of you, until you can't stand. Like the Soldier, the Athlete, the Farmer. Make that your ONLY concern and He is going to handle ALL the other concerns we waste our time worrying about, but are powerless to change.

Remember,

***Matthew 9:37-38 KJV "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."***

There are sadly as you all well know more lost people around than saved, and more "weekend warrior" Christians than fully committed DAILY Prayer Warriors, Soldiers, Athletes, and Farmers.

GO ALL IN, NO LOOKING BACK, it's going to get tough, unbearable at times. We WILL make mistakes and sometimes trip, as soon as we do CONFESS to Him, REPENT, and ask Him to pick you up and give you strength.

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### **SOLDIERS**

***2 Timothy 2:3-4 KJV "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangle himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."***

### **OLYMPIANS**

***2 Timothy 2:5 KJV "And if a man also strive for masteries, yet he is not crowned, except he strive lawfully."***

### **FARMERS**

***2 Timothy 2:6 KJV "The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits."***

I pray fiercely that you all are using this time you have to let the potter mold you into what He wills you to be. That He may shine His light through you and reach family, friends, even enemies you should be praying for with love not hate no matter what they have done. Vengeance is mine sayeth The Lord, I will repay. He is going to handle all the unrepentant evil that rejects Him. It's not our job to seek revenge. It is our calling to share The Gospel and make disciples, always being reminded that He is who draws men to Him and not all we tell will hear. We are chosen to keep telling, and keep going on the path He lays before us no matter how rough it gets here.

Much love my brothers in Christ, you all STAY in my prayers,

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