



“Standing Firm: Living and Defending the Truth”

II Timothy 2:1-7

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III. A Dangerous Christian (II Tim 2:1-7)

A. Dangerous—What does it mean? (Jn 3:19-20)

1. The word danger means “exposure to loss.”
2. Someone is in danger when he is at risk of losing something.
3. To be dangerous is to pose an imminent threat to someone else.
4. A dangerous Christian threatens every non-believer with the loss of their lost condition.

B. Paul gives us three commands and three examples that should spur each of us to live more dangerously for God:

1. Be strong! (II Tim 2:1; I Pet 5:8; Isa 40:29, 31; 41:9-10; Jas 1:5)
 - a. When you place your trust in Jesus Christ, you are filled with His Spirit.
 - b. His Spirit will empower you to live the Christian life. (Rom 1:16; I Jn 4:4; Rev 12:11)

2. Share your faith with others! (II Tim 2:2)

a. Paul wanted Timothy to pass it on. (Matt 28:19-20)

b. Three models that offer different insights into the Christian life:

1). You must be willing to serve like a good soldier. (II Tim 2:3-4)

a). He is willing to suffer hardship!

b). He is single-minded!

c). He lives to please his commanding officer! (Jas 1:5)

2). You must be willing to compete like a well-trained athlete. (II Tim 1:5; I Cor 9:24-27)

3). You must be willing to work like a diligent farmer! (II Tim 2:6)

3. Consider carefully. (II Tim 2:7; Matt 10:38-39; Luke 9:62)