

A person is running away from the camera on a paved path that leads towards a bright sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong glow and long shadows. The background shows trees and a building, all slightly out of focus. The overall mood is one of perseverance and determination.

# PERSEVERE

HOW TO GO ON WHEN  
YOU WANT TO GIVE UP

— 2 TIMOTHY —

# “PERSEVERE TO MULTIPLY”

## 2 Timothy 2:1-13

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## 2 Timothy 2:1-3

2 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.  
3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

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## 2 Timothy 2:4-7

4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. 5 An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6 It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. 7 Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

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## 2 Timothy 2:8-10

8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

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## 2 Timothy 1:11-13

11 The saying is trustworthy, for:  
If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
12 if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he also will deny us;  
13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—  
for he cannot deny himself.

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I. We have a mandate to multiply

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I. We have a mandate to multiply

A. Given in tenderness and affection

B. Supplied through the strengthening grace in Christ Jesus

C. The Message, the messenger, the method

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II. We need to mindset to multiply

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## II. We need to mindset to multiply

Three Pictures to Consider:

1. Soldier
2. Athlete
3. Farmer

Two People to Copy

1. Jesus Christ
2. Paul

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## II. We need to mindset to multiply

Three Pictures to Consider:

1. Soldier – Don't become entangled
2. Athlete – Don't cheat
3. Farmer – Work hard, be patient

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## Philippians 3:7-8

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

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## Philippians 3:13-15

13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. 16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

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## 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.  
25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.  
26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air.  
27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.



## II. We need to mindset to multiply

### Two People to Copy

1. Jesus Christ – His Humanity, Humility and Perseverance
2. Paul – his humanity, humility and perseverance

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## Philippians 2:5-8

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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### III. God gives us motivation to multiply

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A. Promised Relationship Based on God's Faithfulness

B. Potential Reward Based on Our Faithfulness

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God has given us a mandate to multiply disciples for the sake of EMWC. He has also provide everything we need to fulfill His mandate multiply.

- His Mandate...our method
- His Mind...our mindset
- His Promise...our motivation

*Go therefore and make disciples....*

*Matthew 28:19a*





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