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**2 Timothy 2:1-7
The Qualified Ones**

The gospel is the message of God’s heart of love to a lost world.

He entrusts reliable people with it.

A reliable person:

* Trustworthy
* To deposit
* Commit for safe keeping
* Faithful

Men who are qualified:

* Competent
* Able to do the job
* Sufficient

To be expected:

1. Endure Hardship

- a union together during hard times

- to suffer evil together

- to take one’s share of rough treatment

Standing up for the gospel is not for the faint of heart.

1. Be a good soldier

- loyalty, duty, respect, self-less service, honor, integrity and personal

 courage

- follow the rules

 3. Be a competitive athlete

 - Victor’s crown
 - symbol of triumph

Romans 12:9-21- Rules for believers

 4. Be a hardworking farmer

 - work hard
 - the farmer gets the first share of the crops

These are examples of people who continue to be strong in the grace of Christ.