cross-reference passages:

Luke 9:61 And another also said, Lord, **I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell**, which are at home at my house. **62** And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but **one receiveth the prize**? So run, that ye may obtain. **25** And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. **Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible**. **26** I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: **27** But **I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway**.

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us***, and **let us run with patience the race that is set before us**,

John 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. **2** Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. **3** Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. **4 Abide in me, and I in you**. **6** If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. **8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples**.

Ephesians 6:11-16 Armor of God

Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that **they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so**.

2 Timothy 2:1-7

The Soldier, The Athlete & The Farmer

1. Winning Is A Team Effort – 2 Timothy 2:1-2

- **a. Strength through Christ**
- **b. Strength by TeamWord**

2. Team Examples - 2 Timothy 2:3-7

- **a. The Soldier – a team, suffering together**
  - **Luke 9:57-62 - Excuses**
- **b. The Athlete – a team, by the rules**
  - **1 Corinthians 9:24-27**
  - **Hebrews 12:1**
- **c. The Farmer – a team, through the vine**
  - **John 15:1-8 – Christ is the VINE**

3. Picking Your Team - 2 Timothy 2:15

- **a.** _____
- **b.** _____
- **c.** _____

