

“SEVEN PICTURES OF ONE PERSON”

Second Timothy chapter two is a “flagship” chapter on disciple-making. It contains what is probably the greatest single verse in the Bible to define and describe the disciple-making process (2:2). It contains remarkable counsel-at-large in the matter of making disciples. And it gives sever great profile picture of *what a disciple is*. These pictures are by no means exhaustive. There are many more pictures of a disciple in the New Testament. However, these seven are very suggestive. I have written a brief treatment of these seven pictures several times, but I realized that I have never published anything that enlarges upon each of the seven. Using some already-prepared studies, and adding specially written studies, I have compiled seven messages on these portraits. The seven picture are not attempts to exegete the texts that refer to them in Second Timothy chapter two, but rather to find the messages on the seven in other places in Scripture. This means that I might have selected any number of texts to create these studies, but I decided on these seven. May God favor these as you read, study and use them to build disciples as He favored me with His Truth in preparing and writing them. May He make me (and you) into a “son” who is the personification of true sonship, a sonship that reflects well upon God’s as our Father and upon His Forever Family. May He make me (and you) into a “soldier” who will fight the good fight of faith” and win for His Name and His Cause. May He make me (and you) into an “athlete” who will “dress out” and “show up” and will play His Big Game in such a manner that we may “score” for His Team and help Him win His Big Venture on earth. May He make me (and you) into a “farmer” who will see vast harvests of souls because of our place in His Harvest, and will please the Lord of both The Harvest and the Harvester. May He make me (and you) into an unashamed, gratified, and greatly rewarded “workman” for Him. May He make me (and you) into a “vessel of honor” for His highest glory. And at the foundation of it all, may He make me (and you) into a “servant” who will reveal his humble attachment to the One Who “loved us, and gave Himself up for us”. I commend these studies to God and to you, praying that He will enlist many disciples who reveal these seven profiles as the faith-features of their lives.