

## 1) Paul tells us how to Stand Strong in Grace in 2021

- a) Picture of the Soldier 2 Tim 2:3
- b) Picture of the Athlete / Contact Sport 2 Tim 2:5
- c) Picture of a Hard-working Farmer 2 Tim 2:6

**I FEEL LIKE THIS IS TOO HARD; HOW DO I DO IT?**

## 2) The Prize / Reward / Fruit

**Heb 12:1-3**

- Copy Jesus' example – Look for the Joy in the Reward
- Finally, my brethren (comrades / group of brothers) Eph 6:10
- Jesus call us His brother Heb 2:11, Rom 8:29

**Look to the Joy in the REWARD**

## 3) ... Must be first to partake of the crops

- **“Must be first”** 2 Tim 2:6
- Your reward is the same as mine Matt 25:14
- Earth yields it's harvest by itself Mrk 4:26
- Rain comes and waters the earth, and MAKES – no choice Is 55:10
- We are more than conquerors Rom 8:37
- Thanks be to God who leads us in Triumph 2 Cor 2:14
- Seated us in heavenly places Ep 2:4-8
- Thanks be to God who gives us the victory (race) 1 Cor 15:57
- Don't be deceived, God is not mocked, whatever a man sows, that will he reap... Do not become weary, in due season you WILL Reap! Gal 6:7-9

***It isn't how well we fight / compete / farm that really counts in life. What really counts it that we keep on standing / training / sowing seed. This “never-give-up” kind of attitude will eventually produce victory / reward for us every time!***

## 4) Rewards / Crowns

- We will receive rewards: 1 Cor 14-15
  - A Crown of Life James 1:12
  - A Crown of Glory 1 Pet 5:4
  - A Crown of Righteousness 2 Tim 4:7-8