## A Gold Medal Faith Requires Knowing the Rulebook! Gold Medal Faith, Pt. 3 2 Timothy 3 August 18, 2024

<u>2 Timothy 1:6</u>, For this reason I remind you <u>to fan into flame</u> <u>the gift of God</u>, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. **7** For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

<u>2 Timothy 2:1</u>, You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses <u>entrust to reliable people</u> who will also be qualified to <u>teach</u> others.

## You Have to Know the Rules:

<u>2 Timothy 3:14</u>, But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the <u>Holy Scriptures</u>, which are able to make you wise for <u>salvation through faith in Christ Jesus</u>.
16 All Scripture is <u>God-breathed</u> and is <u>useful</u> for <u>teaching</u>, <u>rebuking</u>, <u>correcting</u> and <u>training in righteousness</u>, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly <u>equipped for every good work</u>.

Hebrews 1:1, In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

<u>2 Peter 3:15</u>, Bear in mind that our <u>Lord's patience means</u> <u>salvation</u>, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. **16** He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters.

## 1. The Bible Teaches Us How to Be <u>SAVED</u>

<u>2 Timothy 3:14</u>, But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the <u>Holy Scriptures</u>, which are able to make you wise for <u>salvation through faith in</u> <u>Christ Jesus</u>.

**Ephesians 2:8,** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **9** not by works, so that no one can boast.

# 2. The Bible Prepares Us For the <u>RACE</u>

2 Timothy 3:16, All Scripture is <u>God-breathed</u> and is <u>useful</u> for <u>teaching</u>, <u>rebuking</u>, <u>correcting</u> and <u>training in</u> <u>righteousness</u>, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly <u>equipped for every good work</u>.

**Psalm 119:9**, How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. **10** I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. **11** I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Hebrews 4:12, For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

<u>1 Peter 2:1</u>, Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. **2** Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

#### 3. The Bible Teaches Us How to <u>RUN</u>

<u>2 Timothy 3:17</u>, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly <u>equipped for every good work</u>.

**Ephesians 2:10,** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Hebrews 12:1, Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.