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**主題經文Scripture Reading**

**2Timothy 4:7**

**7**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

## Let's keep moving forward

## A. The good fight

## Matthew 5:39-45

**39**But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. **40**If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have *your* cloak also. **41**And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. **42**Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.**43**“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ **44**[[o](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-23279o)]But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you **45**that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

## Luke 3:14

14Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, “And what shall we do?” So he

said to them, “Do not [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+3&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-25040c)]intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.

## John 18:36

## 36Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.

## Romans 13:1-5

## Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+13&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28269a)]bring judgment on themselves. 3For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to *execute*

## wrath on him who practices evil. 5Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake.

## 1Peter 2:13-14

## 13Therefore submit yourselves to every [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1Peter+2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30413c)]ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, 14or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good.

## Daniel 2:21a

## 21aAnd He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings

## Daniel 4:32

## 32And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven

## [[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+4&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-21870j)]times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.

## Acts 25:11

## 11For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar

## Acts 16:36-37

36So the keeper of the prison reported these words to Paul, saying, “The magistrates have sent to let you go. Now therefore depart, and go in peace.”

37But Paul said to them, “They have beaten us openly, uncondemned

Romans, *and* have thrown *us* into prison. And now do they put us out secretly? No indeed! Let them come themselves and get us out.

## John 2:15

## 15When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers’ money and overturned the tables.

## 1Timothy 2:22for kings and all who are in [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1Timothy+2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29719b)]authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1Timothy+2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29719c)]reverence.

## 1Timothy 6:12

##  12Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

## Colossians 3:5

## 5Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

## Ephesians 6:11

## 11Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+6&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29349b)]wiles of the devil.

## 1Peter 2:11b

## abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul

## 2Timothy 2:3

## 3You therefore must endure[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2Timothy+2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29831a)] hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

## 1Timothy 1:18b,19

## that by them you may wage the good warfare, 19having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck

## Galatians 5:17

## 17For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

## Jeremiah 12:5

## 5“If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, Then how can you contend with horses? And *if* in the land of peace, *In which* you trusted, *they wearied you,* Then how will you do in the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+12&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-19255b)]floodplain of the Jordan?

## Matthew 11:1212And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

## B. The finisher

## 2Timothy 4:7

## 7I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

## 1Corinthians 9:24-25

## 24Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1Corinthians+9&version=NKJV" \l "fen-NKJV-28565i" \o "See footnote i)]obtain *it.* 25And everyone who competes *for the prize* [[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1Corinthians+9&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28566j)]is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown.*

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## 2Timothy 2:4-6

## 4No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. 5And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops.

## 2Timothy 4:11

## 11Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

## Acts 13:2

## 2As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.

## C. Kept the faith

## Revelation 2:4

##  4Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

## Acts 20:24

## 24 [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+20&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-27651c)]But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+20&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-27651d)]race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

## Philippians 3:13-14

## 13Brethren, I do not count myself to have [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+3&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29435d)]apprehended; but one thing *I do,* forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

## Acts 20:19

## 19serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews

## 1Corinthians 15:10

## 10But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me.

## Hebrews 10:24-25

## 24And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

## 25not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another,* and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

## Jude 1:20-21

20But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.