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## 2 Timothy 2:7

**Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. (KJV)**

**ALTERNATE TRANSLATIONS:**

*Think over the things I am saying [grasp their application], for the Lord will grant you insight and understanding in everything. (Amplified Bible)*

*Consider these three illustrations of mine and the Lord will help you to understand all that I mean. (J B Phillips New Testament)*

*Meditate on the principles of God's kingdom I am describing, for the Lord will help you understand all of this. (Remedy NT)*

**COMMENTARY:**

*Consider) “The Greek word denotes clear perception, full understanding, and careful consideration. The form of the verb suggests a strong admonition by Paul, not mere advice, to give deep thought to what he was writing.” (The MacArthur Bible Commentary (MacA))*

“Timothy is told to put his mind on that which Paul has just said (in verses 2 Timothy 2:4-6 [see below]). Mere reading is not enough. What has been written must be pondered. What has been spoken must be digested. Timothy need not fear that such mental activity will be fruitless. Has not the Lord given his definite promise? Surely in all matters with respect to which Timothy is in need of understanding (σύνεσις, comprehension, insight), it will be given to him if he will but apply himself.” (*New Testament Commentary (NTC)*)

“Paul introduced three common illustrations to emphasize his point a... soldier, an athlete, and a farmer....The three illustrations have in common the point that success is achieved through discipline, hard work, and single-mindedness.” (*Bible Knowledge Commentary (BKC)*)

“Paul encouraged Timothy to meditate on what he had just written knowing that the Lord would help him see the wisdom of his words. Paul's illustrations yield many practical lessons as one meditates on them.

‘The apprehension of spiritual truth is not primarily a matter of mental acumen but of spiritual teachableness.’ [Note: Hiebert, pp. 57-8.]” (*Expository Notes* (CONSTABLE))

**METACOMMENT:**

“Since God created all, and since He is omniscient. He knows all things as they are, and His knowledge is absolute. Evidently there is no other way of knowing things except as they are; any concept or belief about things as they are not, is not knowledge but illusion. Hence, if man knows anything, he knows it as it is, as God knows it, and all beliefs, speculations, and philosophies which fall short of knowing things as they are, to the degree that they thus fall short are mistakes, delusions,—without truth, reality, or value. If knowledge is defined as it ought to be defined, as understanding consistent with the facts, there is only one body of knowledge, one way of thinking or knowing about all things, and that is the way in which God thinks about or knows them. This is what Paul evidently means when he says, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." Because Christ Jesus understood as God understands, and knew that there is no other understanding, no other knowledge, he spake such words as these: "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do." "I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things." "I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak." So if the knowledge of God is absolute, the knowledge possessed by Christ Jesus was absolute; for he was at one with the Father in understanding.” (**Kratzer, Rev. G. A., “*Is Knowledge Relative or Absolute?*”, Journal Vol. 26 (July 1908), p. 198.)**

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