

ored, because they most deserved honor. Paul's charge is a heavy one for young shoulders; but Timothy has been tried and proved. Take time to analyze the commission, bringing out especially, (a) That it is to preach the word—use freely that wonderful "sword of the Spirit"; (b) To watch against those who have wandered from the truth, and against wandering himself; (c) To endure; (d) To do an evangelist's (missionary's) work—the hardest sort; (e) To fill up his ministry to the full with toil and pains, even as Paul had done.

4. *The fighting soldier's hope.* Teachers need no direction for teaching vs. 6-8. It is a matter of the heart, not the head, to make this shout of the dying hero tell.

### Some Test Questions

- What exhortation given to Timothy?
- Who had been his teachers?
- When had his instruction begun?
- What is meant by "the holy scriptures"?
- By whom had they been given?
- For what purposes?
- What was Timothy's great work?
- To whom was he to give account?
- What motives to earnestness urged?
- What is an "evangelist"?
- What does Paul say of his past life?
- What of his expectations?
- Who will share his reward?

### FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

*Review*—What great messenger did we hear about last Sabbath? Where had he carried the message about God's kingdom? Are there any who need this message now? Are we

trying to send the message to them? In what ways can we do this?

*Repeat the lines—*

I would be a messenger,  
For the God of love; (point upward.)

Scattering tidings every day  
Of a home above.

A messenger! a messenger!  
(Gesture.)

Dear Jesus make me one.  
(Clasp hands in prayer.)

Let me tell Thy messages,  
Thy blessed will be done.

*Lesson Subject*—Paul's life—

What do we learn as to:

- (1) The way of salvation?
- (2) The judgment at the last day?
- (3) The duty of proclaiming the gospel?
- (4) The work of a Christian minister?

### Prove from Scripture

That the scriptures are profitable.

### For Special Study

To be assigned the Sabbath previous.

1. Timothy.
2. Paul's references to the Greek games.
3. The reward of Christian service.

### The Catechism

*Ques. 82. Degrees of guilt.* While all men are sinners, all sinners are not equally bad. Some kinds of sin are worse than others. It is a greater sin, for example, to take a man's life than to take his property. The sins of the flesh mentioned in Gal 5: 19-21, are not all upon the same level. Then the circumstances in which a sin is committed may increase his guilt. The word "aggravations," is from a Latin word meaning "heavy," and signifies those things which add to the weight of sin, that is, make it heavy. If God has shown special kindness towards us (Amos. 3: 2), or if He has given us fuller knowledge than others (Luke 12: 47, 48), the guilt of our sin will be the greater on this account.

