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1. Direct Application

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Specific Personal References

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Number in Pronouns and Commands

^{1:9} who has saved **us** and called [us] with a holy calling, not according to **our** works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to **us** in Christ Jesus before time began,

^{2:1-3} **You** therefore, **my son**, be strong (singular) in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things that **you** have heard from me among many witnesses, commit (singular) these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³ **You** therefore must endure hardship (singular) as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

^{2:15} Be diligent (singular) to present **yourself** approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Nature of the Commands & Instruction

- Is this specific to person & time (bring cloak, parchments, etc.)
- Is this directed to specific men who hold specific positions and who have specific responsibilities? (Preach, remind, charge, refuse, train)

2. Indirect Application & Derived Principles

- What basis do we have to transfer this to other believers, if it is written to specific people in specific positions?
- Is it repeated elsewhere in Scripture for all believers (or possibly something similar, but not exactly the same)?
- Does this impact other believers? (2 Tim 3:1-5...)
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