

Implications of Total Warfare

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I. Introduction. Vital Christians have a desire to be involved with other people.

II. The foundation of one's ministry should be the promises of God.

- A. We cannot meet all of people's needs.
- B. Incidentally, we often launch into projects without having direction from God.
- C. God has a promise for each of us—He is just waiting for us to receive it.
- D. We receive the promise by waiting upon God.
- E. We must be anxious for nothing. (Philippians 4)
- F. We cannot be waiting on the Lord and be anxious at the same time.

III. How to have an effective ministry in the life of someone else:

- A. Be yourself.
 - 1. Redemption is total.
 - 2. God does not save souls; He saves people.
- B. Give yourself.
 - 1. Love is difficult.
 - 2. The nature of love is vulnerability.
 - 3. Love is defenseless.
- C. There is no genuine training apart from suffering. (Luke 22:28, II Corinthians 1:3-4)
 - 1. Temptation is the desire for wrong things.
 - 2. Temptation is also that which is not of faith.
 - 3. We need to strengthen one another in our burdens. (Galatians 6:2, Isaiah 35, II Samuel 4:4)

IV. Conclusion. (II Timothy 3:11)

Application questions:

1. What role does the promises of God play in our ministry?

2. When have you found it most difficult to be vulnerable towards others?

3. What does it look like to be you in ministry?
