

The Christian Warfare

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I. Introduction.

A. Key verses: 2 Timothy 2:3-4.

B. The focus of the message is on the negative aspect of things, but is not to be understood as being alone.

II. We are all in a warfare.

A. This is a matter of fact regardless of what we want.

B. The world system is at enmity with God.

C. Everyone is influenced by the flesh and there is always a spiritual warfare in which we are engaged. (1 Peter 2:11, 5:12)

D. What are you doing to contribute to the battle?

E. We have been committed to battle by Christ, but we have to commit ourselves to the battle.

F. God wants to see us entirely committed. (Revelation 3:15-16)

G. We are justified and can have victory in Christ - this should lead to a definite commitment of self. (Roman 12:1, 1 Corinthians 6)

III. What we are to be committed to.

A. Our God who is in the heavens.

B. The fact that God has spoken to us in the Word of God. It was miraculously given to man and miraculously kept.

C. The Person and work of Christ.

D. That a man must be born again.

1. This is difficult because there are those who have never heard, but we must stand on the Word of God.

2. We may have no original manuscripts but if we had them they would be more easily falsified and worshipped.

E. That Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

1. Has room been made in our schedule for Jesus?

2. We are to be able to call Jesus Lord by how we live our lives. (Matthew 21:28-31)

F. The fact that He has chosen you to be a soldier. The soldier disentangles himself from daily life.

IV. Evidences of being a good soldier.

A. Disentanglement.

1. He is to be disentangled from everything. (Luke 14:33, 14:25)
2. Christ is first and foremost above all. (John 6:64, Mark 10:29-30)
3. Christ cannot trust you with anything until you can do without it. Abraham serves as the example of one who was willing to give what is most valuable to him. (Genesis 22)

B. Taking on hardships. (Philippians 1:29)

1. Success and suffering go hand in hand.
2. If you are succeeding and not suffering it is because someone suffered before you. If you are suffering and not succeeding it is so someone might come after you. (Mark 10)

V. Conclusion: Christ is to be the Lord and master of our lives.

Application questions.

1. How is it that we are in a war? What should our response be?

2. What are the six things we are to be committed to in the battle? Which one stands out to you? Explain.

3. What things do you need to disentangle yourself from? List three things that have kept you from serving the Lord as you should and make a commitment to turn them over to Him.
