

Warfare

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I. Introduction.

A. Jesus finished the work of redemption and the work of training men to carry the message of the Great Commission. (John 17:4; 19:30)

B. Christ said to make disciples, so we must know what it takes to make a disciple and keep one a disciple.

III. There are three basic qualities of a disciple.

A. Someone who continues in the Word of God. (John 8:31-32)

1. To continue means to listen to Jesus' words, to pay attention to what was happening when the words were said and to know the meaning of those words and obedience.

2. We must give the Word valuable time.

B. Someone who walks in love. (John 13:34-34)

1. Love means laying aside our self-importance. (John 13:1)

2. Love focuses on the well-being of others.

C. Someone who bears fruit. (John 15:8)

1. Multiplication is the key to world evangelism.

2. Jesus modeled this.

III. Things will keep us from finishing the race.

A. Fear. (II Timothy 1)

1. The solution is surrender.

2. We must give over to Christ whatever it is we fear.

B. Falsehood. (II Timothy 2)

1. The only way to live right is to believe right.

2. The solution is to study.

C. Flesh. (II Timothy 3)

1. We are to separate from the flesh.

2. There are certain places we cannot go.

D. Fatigue. (II Timothy 4)

1. The solution is selection.

2. Whom one associates with is more important than what one believes.

Application questions:

1. To which basic trap are you most prone? Explain.

2. Which area of discipleship will you commit yourself to developing more this week the most? Explain.

3. Why is it helpful to view Christianity as warfare?
