

The Warfare of the Believer

Intro – the Overcoming Saint and What is the Fight?

- The Overcoming Saint
- What is this fight?
 - [1Ti 6:12a KJV] “12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called...”
 - [2Ti 4:7 KJV] “7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished [my] course, I have kept the faith.”
 - [Eph 2:8-9 KJV] “8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.”
 - [Rom 10:17 KJV] “17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Mission and Focus of the Believer

- Every warrior has a mission
 - [1Co 9:26 KJV] 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:
 - [2Co 11:2 KJV] 2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ.
- This mission of a bride prepared for Christ is the purpose for this age
 - [Phl 3:8 KJV] 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things [but] loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them [but] dung, that I may win Christ
 - [Phl 3:14 KJV] 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
- Don't confuse your occupation with your mission
 - [Luk 19:12-13 KJV] 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.
 - [Mat 6:33 KJV] 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- This challenge is a choice
 - [2Ti 2:12-13 KJV] ‘12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with [him]: if we deny [him], he also will deny us: 13 If we believe not, [yet] he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.”

- The fruits of this mission are eternal
 - [2Co 4:18 KJV] 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen [are] temporal; but the things which are not seen [are] eternal.
 - [Phl 1:21 KJV] 21 For to me to live [is] Christ, and to die [is] gain.
- We fulfil the mission by focusing on the object of the mission – focus on Christ
 - [Mat 14:29-30 KJV] 29 And he [Jesus] said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.
 - [Col 3:1-2 KJV] 1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
 - [Mat 6:21 KJV] 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
- What happens if you don't "accept the mission"
 - [Ecc 12:8 KJV] Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all [is] vanity.
 - [Mar 8:36 KJV] "36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

What is Our Battle

Eph 6:10-18

- [Eph 6:10 KJV] Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
 - [Gal 2:20 KJV] I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
 - [Phl 4:13 KJV] I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
- [Eph 6:11 KJV] Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
 - [Jhn 6:60, 66-68 KJV] 60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard [this], said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? 66 From that [time] many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? 68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.
 - [Heb 12:16 KJV] Lest there [be] any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.
 - [Rev 3:11 KJV] Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

- [Eph 6:12 KJV] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places].
 - [Rom 6:16 KJV] Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?
 - [Rom 7:20 KJV] Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
 - [Mat 5:38-48 KJV] 38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have [thy] cloke also. 41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. 42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. 43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more [than others]? do not even the publicans so? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.
 - [Rom 5:8 KJV] But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
 - [Rom 12:17-21 KJV] 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but [rather] give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance [is] mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.
 - [2Co 10:3-5 KJV] 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

- [Eph 6:13 KJV] Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
 - [Num 33:53 KJV] 53 And ye shall dispossess [the inhabitants] of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it.
 - [Num 13:30 KJV] And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.
 - [1Ti 6:12 KJV] 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.
 - [Phl 1:7, 17 KJV] 7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. ... 17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel.
 - [Ecc 12:1 KJV] Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

- [Eph 6:14 KJV] Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
 - [Mat 5:20 KJV] For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed [the righteousness] of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.
 - [Phl 3:9 KJV] 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
 - [1Jo 3:20 KJV] 20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

- [Eph 6:15 KJV] And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

- [Eph 6:16 KJV] Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

- [Eph 6:17 KJV] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
 - [1Th 5:8 KJV] But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
 - [Rom 8:32 KJV] He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
 - [Heb 4:12 KJV] For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
 - [Jhn 14:26 KJV] But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

- [Eph 6:18 KJV] Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
 - [Phil 4:6 KJV] - Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God
 - [1Pe 5:7 KJV] 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.
 - [Mat 6:28-29 KJV] 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
 - [Luk 12:32 KJV] 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
 - [Mat 7:11 KJV] 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?
 - [Phl 4:7 KJV] And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
 - [Jam 5:16 KJV] - The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
 - [2Co 12:8-9 KJV] 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

- [Eph 6:18 KJV] Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
 - [1Pe 5:8 KJV] Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
 - [Luk 21:28 KJV] And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

 - [2Ti 2:3 KJV] Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
 - [Jhn 16:33 KJV] These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.
 - [2Co 4:17 KJV] For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding [and] eternal weight of glory;