

STUDY 1
Reprint 3272 - Prize Fighting Commended
Reprint 2309 - The Christian's Warfare
1 Timothy 6:12

I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air. [1 Corinthians 9:26](#)

IT will be found a great help to the weaknesses of the fallen nature to have understandingly made a full consecration of the will, – a full enlistment of every power and talent of mind and of body. He who takes this proper view of his consecration to the Lord and enlistment in the Lord's army, realizes that he has nothing more to give to the Lord, and hence, whatever struggle of the will he may have is all ended when he has finally decided – "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." How important it is, therefore, that all the soldiers realize that the term of the enlistment is until death, and that there is no room for even considering any suggestion to withdraw from the battle and cease even for an hour to fight the good fight of faith. [Z.'03-421 R3273:4](#)

1) Why do we see that sometimes life is like a battleground? In business or the workplace, in politics, and at times even in the family?

"The world will ask you who you are, and if you do not know the world will tell you."
Thomas Jefferson

2) What are the terms of enlistment and what are the rewards for soldiers of the cross?

2 Timothy 2:3-4, 1 Timothy 6:12, Heb.11:6, Matt.10:32-42.

3) How long will our enlisted service be for? Did we sign up to fight a few hard battles expecting that we would thereafter be relieved of any further duty?

Revelation 2:10, Philippians 3:10, Hebrews 12:2-4, 2 Corinthians 4:10-11.

4) Are there rules of engagement that we must we follow in our warfare?

5) Which of the items of symbolical armor do we need to put on? Can we be sure that these will all be made available to us individually?

Ephesian 6:12-13. Songs In The Night - June 19.

STUDY 2 – Reprint page 3274

1) Our Captain is called “The Prince of Peace.” We are called to be “soldiers” and called to be “peacemakers.” How do soldiers fight for peace?

Isaiah 9:6, Romans 12:18, Matthew 5:43-48, Jn.16:33.

2) How are we to view those that uphold and promulgate error? How are we to spiritually fight against them?

Acts 3:17, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 4:17-18, 6:12. Romans 16:17. Acts 7:60. Manna November 14.

3) How are we to defend the Word of God?

Jude 1:3, Titus 1:9, Philippians 1:15-21, 2 Timothy 1:13, 2:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:21.

4) Are we to try and defend every truth? Or are some of higher priority than others? To put it bluntly, which truths are you willing to die for?

5) What is meant by “carnal weapons?” How are we to battle for the truth and properly defend the true character of God?

2 Corinthians 10:3-6, John 15:18, 25, 1 John 3:13.

STUDY 3 – Reprint page 3274

1) Who is it that hated Jesus and will also hate his followers? How is the “Prince of This World” working through churchianity in our day?

John 14:30, Matthew 10:25, Genesis 3:15. Manna August 14.

2) How will we be able to stand fast in the evil day?

1 Corinthians 16:13-14, Philippians 1:27, 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15, Psalm 89:26-29.

3) How shall we discern matters and continue to “fight the good fight” when faced with Satan’s manifestations of works such as healings, or marvels of technology and medicine? What if science appears to be conquering aging, disease, and even dying?

2 Corinthians 11:14-15, Matthew 24:4, 24, 1 John 1:8-10, 1 Thessalonians 2:8-12.

4) Do you think that we should expect more severe attacks from the Adversary in the future? And how might they be manifested?

STUDY 4 – Reprint page 3275

1) What are the “fightings without and within.”

Manna November 9 - *The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.* [Galatians 5:17](#)

HERE is the great and continual battle, for although the new will asserts itself and puts the body under and compels its subjection to the new mind, nevertheless the mortal body, not being actually dead, is continually coming in contact with the world and the adversary and is continually being stimulated by these and reinvigorated with earthly cares, ambitions, methods, strivings, conflicts and insubordination to our new will. No saint is without experiences of this kind—fightings without and within. It must be a fight to the finish or the great prize for which we fight will not be gained. For although the New Creature masters the mortal body by the Lord's grace and strength repeatedly, nevertheless until death there can be no cessation of the conflict. **Z. '03-424 R3275:2**

2) How shall the soldiers of Christ overcome weariness when fighting the tendencies of sin in their body during the life-long battle that we face?

R:3275 “It is a fight of faith in the sense that no one could keep up this battle against his own flesh and its propensities and desires, and come off conqueror, except as he can exercise faith in the promises and in the Lord as his helper.”

2 Corinthians 4:13-18, Philippians 3:14, Colossians 3:2-4, Ephesians 5:6-7.

3) Do we seek cooperation with the flesh? Or do we put it to death?

Romans 6:3-6, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, 2 Corinthians 13:4, Galatians 2:20, 5:16-17.
Manna September 24.

4) Some have more weaknesses in the flesh than others due to heredity. How can we try to help those that are struggling or are more challenged by those weaknesses?

R:3434 We would not ignore the fact that there are occasions when reproofs and corrections in righteousness are proper, as the Apostle advised. But we have no sympathy at all with the thought so common with some good people; viz., that they should always be feeling miserable with themselves and making other people miserable, by continually nagging and faultfinding upbraiding and terrorizing. We believe that such well meant but mistaken efforts

have done much harm, have driven away from the family circle of Zion many who could not, without hypocrisy, claim that they were the vilest of sinners, nor properly appreciate prayers in which they were represented as saying, "Lord, be merciful unto us, *miserable sinners!*" when they realized divine favor and forgiveness—justification from all things.

Those needing reproof, rebuke, etc., are such as are walking after the flesh and not after the Spirit—in violation of their covenant. Those who should be warned to flee from the wrath to come are such as have never yet fled for refuge to the hope set before them in the Gospel,—such as are without God, and have no hope in the world—no relationship to Christ, through faith and obedience. But the true "wheat," the true members of the body of Christ, the consecrated, are, however imperfectly, continually seeking to walk after the Spirit; though they are well aware that because of imperfections of the flesh they do not and cannot walk up to the spirit. These, instead of needing reproofs and rebukes and smitings and upbraidings for their shortcomings, which they admit and deplore and strive against, need sympathy, assistance, comfort.

Few probably have noticed to what extent the Scriptures administer this very "balm of Gilead" to the true children of Zion; but the Scriptures are full of comfort, and there is great need that all who are truly the Lord's people should see to it that they are more and more sons and daughters of comfort in the Church, administering to one another the helpfulness and encouragement and refreshment which the Lord intended. Our Lord spoke of the holy Spirit as the Comforter, and he mentions himself also as a Comforter, saying, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you *another* Comforter." (John 14:16.)

5) Talk about the statement "love worketh no ill to his neighbor."

R:3275 "those who enlist as soldiers of the cross are not only to hate murder but are to hate the murder spirit and to cast it out entirely, so that they would have nothing but love in their hearts for any, even their enemies."

Romans 13:10, Luke 6:31-36.

6) Can we say as did the apostle Paul, "I have fought the good fight?"

"Let us strive that we may be able to say with the Apostle at the close of our experiences, 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me at that day.'"

2 Timothy 4:1-8.

STUDY 5 – Re-VIEW - Reprint page 2312

Your thoughts and reflections on our subject overall.

R:2312 - Our Captain in encouraging us to have faith in him, and in his promises of succor, assuring us that he will not leave us nor forsake us; that he will be with us in six troubles, and in the seventh he will not forsake us; and that he is abundantly able and willing to make all things work together for good to them that love God – the called ones according to his purpose. He declares, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith." Beloved, let us make sure of these things: –

(1) That we have enlisted – that we have fully consecrated ourselves to obey the Captain of our salvation.

(2) That we are seeking to obey his instructions, and to put on the armor which he has supplied.

(3) That we are fighting – resisting unto blood, striving against sin in all its various forms.

(4) That we are so loyal to the Lord and to all that are his, wherever they may be, that we are willing and ready "to lay down our lives for the brethren" – to assist them, to encourage them, to help them, in little acts of service as well as in larger matters.

(5) That we remember that there can be no victory except as we keep the faith – our trust in the Lord as our Redeemer, in his care over us, and in his willingness to help us, and in his ability to help. Thus, and thus only, shall we come off conquerors and more than conquerors through him who loved us and who bought us with his own precious blood; to whom, with God our Father, be praise and thanksgiving everlasting.

"Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!" – [1 Cor. 15:57](#).