

The Good Fight

Overview: Our enemy, the devil, is also a thief that does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. However, Jesus has come that we may have life, and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). In order to win a successful battle, we need to know that God is in the details which will help us to fight the enemy so we can overcome the enemy and have an abundant life.

A. Fight the Good Fight of Faith

- 1) Our eternal life began the day each of us accepted Jesus.
- 2) The day each of us received Jesus we entered into the Army of God.
- 3) God is in the details to tell us how to do it His way, not our own way.
- 4) The B.I.B.L.E. is an acronym meaning your Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.
- 5) Quality is in the details.

B. The Fight is Now.

- 1) Marines are always fighting or training to fight.
- 2) We must always fight the devil to get what belongs to us.
- 3) Spiritual warfare.
- 4) Shodding our feet.
- 5) Do not forsake the assembly of the brethren especially as the Last Days approach.
- 6) The engrafted Word of God will set us free. James 1:21
- 7) The best soldiers are those who learn and practice.
- 8) Be properly trained soldiers.
- 9) We should not build our house on sand but on the rock.
- 10) Be a hearer and doer of the Word of God.
- 11) Our weapon is the Word of God, which is the Sword of the Spirit.
- 12) Death and life are in the power of our tongue.
- 13) In battle focus on the NOW. Focus on the present, not the past.

C. Promotion.

- 1) John Wooden said that failing to prepare is preparing to fail.
- 2) NOW faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb 11:1
- 3) It's impossible to please God without faith. Heb 11:6
- 4) God is the God of NOW.
- 5) Forget the past, as we look forward, except to encourage ourselves because of past victories, which become the anchors to our soul.
- 6) The Title Deed to God's Promises is our faith.
- 7) For by grace are we saved through faith. Eph 2:8
- 8) Speaking from our mouth and believe it is faith.
- 9) Don't kick back and take it easy after a victory, keep pressing forward and proving ourselves.
- 10) We are promoted from level to level, glory to glory, line upon line, precept upon precept.

D. Quiz – Where Does the Word Say the Following?

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| 1) We can have what we say? | Mark 11:23 |
| 2) We can move mountains? | Mark 11:23 |
| 3) We can have what we desire? | Mark 11:24 |
| 4) Prayer of Faith. | Mark 11:24 |
| 5) It is okay to doubt with our mind. ? | Mark 11:23 |

E. Faith without works is dead.

James 2:14-18

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| 1) A Christians should always be up or getting up. | |
| 2) Believing for something done in our mind only is mental assent, not faith. | |
| 3) Speaking the Word of God, believing it in our heart plus works (an action) is faith. | Mark 11:24 |
| 4) Act as if we truly believe it. | |
| 5) Jesus saw their faith by their works. | Mark 2:3 |
| 6) Faith and actions work together. | James 2:20-22,26 |
| 7) Vince Lombardi said if you chase perfection you will achieve excellence. | |

F. Choose affirmations wisely.

- 1) An affirmation is not a prayer, but a declaration.
- 2) An affirmation is not in the future, but present or past.
- 3) Death or life is in the power of the tongue.
- 4) God is in the details and the devil imitates God.
- 5) If words of death are spoken, death will come.
- 6) If words of life are spoken, life will be ours.
- 7) Our affirmations and our words guide our life.

Recommendation: God pays attention to details and therefore we need to pay attention to the details of living for Him. What new step do you need to take to move closer to God.