

Christians warfare

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Introduction

1. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5
2. Many times the Christian life is compared to that of a soldier 2 Timothy 2:3ff; Ephesians 6:10-18
3. In any warfare it is good and important to know at least three things
 1. The enemy
 2. The cause for which one fights and its values
 3. The equipment and how to use it.
4. In some of our past warfares we did not know these things for one reason or another.
5. Let us know these three things in our Christian fight

II Discussion

1. The enemy
 1. He is the devil Revelation 20:2; 1 Peter 5:8
 2. He does take many forms 2 Corinthians 11:14-15
 1. Those within our own ranks Matthew 16:23
 2. Our thoughts Genesis 6:5; 2 Corinthians 10:5
 3. Those without Ephesians 6:12
2. The cause and values
 1. One can see this for he has volunteered for this fight - He has not been drafted
 2. The cause is the salvation of the soul 1 Corinthians 5:5; John 14:1-3; Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 2:25
 3. The value is priceless Matthew 16:26
 4. Yet some will exchange it for anything Mess of pottage. Genesis 25:29ff
3. The equipment Ephesians 6:11-17
 1. We must know how to properly use this equipment Hebrews 4:12
 2. We would not let children play with a knife
 3. We cannot play fight 1 Peter 5:8
 4. The devil wants you!

III Conclusion

1. Are you ready for the enemy? Now is the time to get ready
2. Do you truly understand that your soul is at stake?
3. You can and should know that it is!
4. Are you familiar with the equipment? You can through proper study
5. You can overcome the enemy by submitting to God James 4:7-8

Source: sermon preached in 1989