



# “THE BATTLES AND DANGERS OF A CHRISTIAN”

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II Tim. 2:3

Every Christian has been called to engage in spiritual warfare against satan and his demon army. We are going to have many battles in our Christian walk. We must be soldiers who must fight to the end. We must “Endure hardship like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.” II Tim. 2:3

What are the battles of a Christian?

#### THE BATTLE WITH THE DEVIL



We will always do battle against the devil because we are in the army of God. Satan and his army hate God and His army. Jesus has already defeated the devil but we must still fight him through the power of the Holy Ghost. Jesus said, “I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions

and **TO OVERCOME ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY; NOTHING WILL HARM YOU.**” Luke 10:19

I John 3:8 says; “...The reason the Son of God appeared was to **DESTROY THE DEVIL’S WORK.**” God is the one who trains us for war so we can become warriors in His army. “He trains my hands for **battle**; my arms can bend a **bow of bronze.**”

“Praise be to the Lord my Rock, **WHO TRAINS MY HANDS FOR WAR, MY FINGERS FOR BATTLE.**” Ps. 144:1

We must let God train us and prepare us so that we can have the Victory over the devil in our daily battles! If we allow God to have His way with us and we Obey His word and put it to practice we will be “**MORE THAN CONQUERORS**”, against the devil.

#### THE BATTLE WITH THE WORLD



The devil will try to get you to put your eyes on the world. He will tell you that all of your friends are having a good time while you are stuck in Church. The devil will paint a beautiful picture of the world for you. He will even offer it all to you if you will only bow down to him. Matt. 4:8-10. He offered the entire world to Jesus! “Again, the devil took Him to a very high Mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the **WORLD** and their splendor. “**ALL** this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and **WORSHIP** me.” Matt. 4:8-9 We must understand that if we are going to be effective as Christians we cannot mix in with the things of the world. John said, “**DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD OR ANYTHING IN THE WORLD.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” I John 2:15 “For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful man and lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does - comes not from the Father but from the world.” I John 2:16 The Bible tells us that we can have the victory over the world. “You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. I John 4:4 “For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the **VICTORY** that has overcome the world, even our faith.” I John 5:4

### **THE BATTLES OF THE FLESH**



The flesh (old nature) is our **worst enemy**. The Christian must not fear the devil but the flesh. The devil can use our sinful nature to defeat us! Paul said, “The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.” Gal. 6:8 Paul said, “**For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.**” Gal. 5:17

### **WHAT ARE SOME OF THE DANGERS OF SOWING TO THE FLESH?**

King Saul was defeated by the sin of Disobedience (The flesh loves to disobey). God had commanded Saul to destroy a city and its king, but he disobeyed God’s commands. Because King Saul chose to disobey God he was stripped of his kingdom. The anointing of God left him because of his sins and he was powerless against the devil. Eventually the devil convinced him to commit suicide. King Saul went to hell because he chose to do it his way instead of God’s way. The dragon of disobedience bit him and poisoned him. The Bible says; “**...TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE**, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.” I Sam. 15:22 Are you willing to use your weapon of obedience of God’s Word against the devil? If you obey God you will have the Victory against the devil. King David becomes complacent and the sin of lust defeats him. The sin of lust bit him and the poison of lust killed the life of God in him. The Bible says, “In the spring, at the time when Kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king’s men and the whole

Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammorites and besieged Rabbah. **BUT DAVID REMAINED IN JERUSALEM.**” II Sam. 11:1 David begins to kick back and the devil begins to work on his sinful nature. The giant killer somehow thought the war was over. He thought that the devil was no longer waging war on him but on others. Satan began to penetrate David’s heart with lust. Then the devil has a woman for David to look at and he goes after the bait. The Bible says that King David took Bathsheba to his house and committed adultery with her. David lost the anointing of God and almost lost everything because of his sins. David repented of his sins before God and was restored, but he had to pay the consequences of his sins for the rest of his life. Samson was a man that thought he could play with the sin of lust also but was defeated like King David. Samson begins to play with lust and is burned by the devil. **“Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned?”** Prov. 6:27 If you play with fire you will get burned. A Christian cannot play with sin because the devil will burn him with fire! Samson played one too many times with fire and he was defeated by satan and taken prisoner! **“Then she called, “Samson, the Philistines are upon you!” He awoke from his sleep and thought, “I’ll go out as before and shake myself free.” BUT HE DID NOT KNOW THAT THE LORD HAD LEFT HIM.”** Judges 16:20 Because of his playing with the sin of lust and lying with Delilah, God left him! **“Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza, binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding in the prison’.**

Judges 16:21 There are many other battles and dangers of a Christian soldier. This is why we must be careful to **obey God’s Word** and not to play with the devil or sin. There is a war going on and God wants us to continue with the Victory that is ours in Jesus.

### CONCLUSION:

The Word, prayer, fasting, obedience, courage and living a life of holiness and many more weapons will give us the victory over the Devil, World and Flesh! **“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are MORE THAN CONQUERORS through Him who loved us.** ‘Romans 8:35,37 “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, ...nor any powers, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Rom. 8:38-39

