

CALLED TO BE A WARRIOR

1 Timothy 6:11-16

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INTRODUCTION: NO PLACE FOR THE COWARDLY

? Do you ever read a Bible verse that nags you?

The most often repeated command in the Bible is “Be Strong and Courageous.”

1 Timothy 1:18

Paul often referred to the Christian life as a fight.

2 Corinthians 10:3, 4

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not wage battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

He referred to other Christians as fellow soldiers

Philippians 2:25; Philemon 1:2

2 Timothy 2:1...3

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus...suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

Like Timothy we are called to be warriors.

I. A WARRIOR'S CHARACTER

A. HE FLEES UNGODLINESS

1. Worldly Wisdom

2. Worldly Ambitions
3. Worldly Means of Fighting
4. Worldly Wealth

B. HE PURSUES GODLINESS

1. Righteousness

This is not a righteousness of our own, but a righteousness that has been granted to us.

2 Corinthians 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Philippians 3:8-11

2. Godliness
3. Faith

Hebrews 11:7, 8, 23, 27, 32-38

Faith is the opposite of cowardice.

4. Love

This seems like a strange quality for a warrior, but this quality is what separates a soldier of honor from a common murderer.

5. Endurance
6. Meekness
7. Without Blemish
8. Without Reproach

II. A WARRIOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The perspective of the warrior is heavenly.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

? Where do we see that in 1 Timothy?

A. IN THE THINGS A WARRIOR FLEES

B. TAKE HOLD OF ETERNAL LIFE

C. ACCORDING TO THE GOOD CONFESSIOIN

John 18:36

III. A WARRIOR'S ENCOURAGEMENT

A. THE APPEARING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

B. THE PERSON OF GOD

Each characteristic of God is a reason we have hope.

1. God is Gives Life To All Things

Job 12:10

2. God is Happy

Hebrews 12:2

Hebrews 10:34

2. God Alone Is Able To Stand

3. He Is King Over Those Who Have the Quality Of Kingliness

4. He Is Lord Over All Who Claim Control

5. He Alone Is Immortal

Matthew 10:28

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

6. He Dwells In Unapproachable Light

7. He Has Honor

8. He Has Dominion

CONCLUSION: OUR BATTLEFIELD

Our Flesh

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

The World

Demonic Forces

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

John Newton, September 1764

The Lord has chosen, called, and armed us for the fight! Shall we wish to be excused from the battle? Shall we not rather rejoice that we have the honor to appear in such a cause, under such a Captain, such a banner and in such a company?

APPLICATION

1. Put on the full armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-17

2. Be Strong and Courageous