FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

The real battle is a spiritual battle and we should all be actively fighting in this battle.

Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. Philippians 1:27

Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses. 1 Timothy 6:12

… urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. Jude 1:3b

In the same way, I run straight for the place at the end of the race. I fight to win. I do not beat the air. 1 Corinthians 9:26 NLV

Meanwhile, I thought I should send Epaphroditus back to you. He is a true brother, co-worker, and fellow soldier. And he was your messenger to help me in my need. Philippians 2:25

I may never march in the infantry
Ride in the cavalry
Shoot the artillery
I may never zoom o’er the enemy
But I'm in the Lord's army!
I'm in the Lord's army!
Yes Sir!
I'm in the Lord's army!
Yes sir!

Too many spectators and not enough warriors.

*The world around us is antagonistic to biblical truth and biblical conviction. Therefore, unless we are prepared to stand against the tide, we will drift with it.* Alistair Begg

How do we fight and how do we fight well?

THERE ARE FIVE BATTLEFIELD REQUIREMENTS YOU MUST KNOW

1. KNOW YOUR COMMANDER AND FOLLOW HIM
	1. He is the Son of God

Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. Matthew 16:15-18

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.” Matthew 28:18

* 1. He is the Lamb of God

He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.

Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:8-11

 c. He is the King of all kings and Lord of all lords

Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords. Revelation 19:11-16

1. KNOW YOUR ENEMY AND RESIST HIM

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12

So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

1. KNOW THE MISSION AND PURSUE IT

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matt+28%3A19-20&version=NLT#fen-NLT-24188a)] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20**Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

1. KNOW YOUR WEAPONS AND USE THEM

We are human, but we don’t wage war as humans do. We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

* 1. Love

Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end] 1 Corinthians 13:8a AMPC

* 1. Faith

For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. 1 John 5:4

* 1. Gospel

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. Romans 1:16

* 1. Word of God

Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:17

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Hebrews 4:12

[*Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason - I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other - my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen.*](https://www.azquotes.com/quote/581718) Martin Luther

* 1. Prayer

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10 KJV

“Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” Luke 22:42

1. KNOW THE OUTCOME AND PERSEVERE

We win!!

The enemy is:

1. Disarmed

In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross. Colossians 3:15;

1. Defeated

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices shouting in heaven: “The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ,
    and he will reign forever and ever.” Revelations 11:15

1. Destroyed

Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Revelations 20:10

*Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other*. John Adams