



# Onward Christian Soldiers

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- “You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.”

# The Calling Of A Good Soldier

- A good soldier pleases his commanding officer
  - 2Tim. 2:4 - “No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.”
- A good soldier is called and appointed
  - John 15:16 - “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.”



# The Commander Of A Good Soldier

- Heb. 2:10 - “For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.”
- What does a good soldier do?
  - A good soldier knows who is in charge.
  - A good soldier does what he is commanded to do.
  - A good soldier honors his commitment to his commander.
  - A good soldier does not take advice from sources other than his commanding officer.
  - A good soldier remains at his post in life and in death.
- John 15:10 - “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.”

# The Commitment Of A Good Soldier

- 2Tim. 2:3-4 - “You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.”
- Eph. 6:10-11 - “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”
- John 15:19-21 - “If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.”

# The Conditioning Of A Good Soldier

- 1Tim. 4:8, 15 - “For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come... 15 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.”
- 2Tim. 3:16-17 - “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”



# The Comrades Of A Good Soldier

- Phil. 2:25 - “Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need”
- Heb. 11:25 - “Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin”

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- Gal. 6:1-2 - “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”
- 1Thes. 5:14 - “Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.”



# The Conflict Of A Good Soldier

- Eph. 6:10-12 - “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

# The Culmination Of A Good Soldier

- 2Tim. 4:7-8 - “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”
- Gal. 6:9 - “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”



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- “Some want to live within the sound of chapel bells; I want to build a church within a yard of the entrance to hell!”

"Must I be carried to the skies  
On flowery beds of ease,  
While others fought to win the prize  
And sailed thru bloody seas?"