

The Good Fight

Overview: Our enemy, the devil, is also a thief that does not come except to steal, to kill, and to destroy. However, Jesus has come that we may have life, and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). In order to win a successful battle, we need to know that God is in the details. Knowing that fact helps us to fight the enemy so we can overcome and have an abundant life.

A. Fight the Good Fight of Faith

1 Tim 6:12

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G75 Strong's Concordance = **Greek definition of "fight" is agōnizomai, pronounced "ag-o-nid'-zom-ahee."**

- To contend with adversaries, struggle, with difficulties and dangers, to endeavor with strenuous zeal, strife, to obtain something.

G2570 Strong's Concordance = **Greek definition of "good" is "kalos" pronounced "kā-lo's."**

- Sound, whole, beautiful, excellence, goodness, usefulness, as to be pleasing; surpassing, precious, useful, suitable, commendable, admirable, magnificent.

G73 Strong's Concordance = **Greek definition of "fight" is "agōn" pronounced "ag-one."**

- A place of assembly in which the Greeks assembled to celebrate solemn games (as the Pythian, the Olympian); hence, 2. a contest, of athletes, runners, charioteers.

G4102 Strong's Concordance = **Greek definition of "faith" is "pistis" pronounced "pē'-stēs."**

- Conviction of the truth of anything, belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervor born of faith and conjoined with it.

G1949 Strong's Concordance = **Greek definition of "lay hold on" is "epilambanomai" pronounced "e-pē-lām-bā'-no-mī."**

- To take in addition, lay hold of, take possession of, overtake, attain to, to seize upon anything with the hands.

1. Our eternal life began the day each of us accepted Jesus. John 3:16
2. The day each of us received Jesus we entered into the Army of God. 2 Tim 2:4
3. God is in the details to tell us how to do it His way, not our own way. Isaiah 55:8-9
4. The B.I.B.L.E. is an acronym meaning your Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.
5. Quality is in the details. Phil 4:8-9

B. The Fight is NOW.

1. Marines are always fighting or training to fight.
2. We must always fight the devil to get what belongs to us. Eph 6:12
3. Spiritual warfare. 2 Cor 10:3-5, Eph 6:11-20
4. Shodding our feet. Eph 6:15
5. Do not forsake the assembly of the brethren especially as the Last Days approach. Heb 10:25 (AMPC)
6. The engrafted Word of God will set us free. James 1:21
7. The best soldiers are those who learn and practice. Phil 4:9
8. Be properly trained soldiers. 2 Tim 2:4, 3:16-17
9. We should not build our house on sand but on the rock. Matt 7:24-25
10. Be a hearer and doer of the Word of God. James 1:22-25
11. Our weapon is the Word of God, which is the Sword of the Spirit. Heb 4:12
12. Death and life are in the power of our tongue. Prov 18:21
13. In battle focus on the NOW. Focus on the present, not the past. Is 43:18, Titus 2:11-12

C. Promotion.

1. John Wooden (UCLA Head Basketball Coach, Hall of Famer) said that failing to prepare is preparing to fail.

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| 2. NOW faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. | Heb 11:1 |
| 3. The Title Deed to God's Promises is our faith. | Heb 11:1 (AMPC) |
| 4. God is the God of NOW. | 2 Cor 6:2 |
| 5. It's impossible to please God without faith. | Heb 11:6 |
| 6. Forget the past, as we look forward, except to encourage ourselves because of past victories, which become the anchors to our soul. | Phil 3:13-14, 1 Sam 30:6, Heb 6:19 |
| 7. For by grace are we saved through faith. | Eph 2:8, Rom 4:16-24 |
| 8. Speaking from our mouth and believe it is faith. | John 17:8, Mark 11:24 |
| 9. Don't kick back and take it easy after a victory, keep pressing forward and proving ourselves. | Heb 12:1-3 |
| 10. We are promoted from level to level, glory to glory, line upon line, precept upon precept. | Heb 6:19, Is 28:10 |

D. Quiz – Where Does the Word Say the Following?

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| 1. We can have what we say. | Mark 11:23 |
| 2. We can move mountains. | Mark 11:23 |
| 3. We can have what we desire. | Mark 11:24 |
| 4. Prayer of Faith. | Mark 11:24 |
| 5. It is okay to doubt with our mind. | Mark 11:23 |

E. Faith Without Works is Dead.

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| 1. A Christians should always be up or getting up. | James 2:14-18 |
| 2. Believing for something done in our mind only is mental assent, not faith. | Rom 10:9-10 |
| 3. Speaking the Word of God, believing it in our heart and works (an action) is faith. | Mark 11:24 |
| 4. Act as if we truly believe it. | 1 John 5:14 |
| 5. Jesus saw their faith by their works. | Mark 2:3 |
| 6. Faith and actions work together. | James 2:20-22,26 |
| 7. Vince Lombardi (Head Football Coach and Hall of Famer) said if you chase perfection you will achieve excellence. | |

F. Choose affirmations wisely.

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| 1. An affirmation is not a prayer, but a declaration. | Rom 10:9-10, Ps 118:17(AMPC) |
| 2. An affirmation is not in the future, but present or past. | Heb 11:1, 2 Cor 6:2 |
| 3. God is in the details and the devil imitates God. | Matt 6:26, 2 Cor 11:14 |
| | Luke 12:7 |
| 4. Death or life is in the power of the tongue. | Prov 18:21 |
| 5. If words of death are spoken, death will come. | Prov 18:21 |
| 6. If words of life are spoken, life will be ours. | Prov 18:21 |
| 7. Our affirmations and our words guide our life. | 2 Tim 3:16, John 16:13, Mark 11:22-25, Matt 25:21 |

Recommendation: God pays attention to details; therefore, we also need to pay attention to the details of living for Him. What new step do you need to take to move closer to God as you fight the Good Fight of Faith? Heb 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us!