

THAT THOU BY THEM
MIGHTEST WAR A GOOD
WARFARE

*Preparing To
“Fight the good fight of faith!”*

Will There Be Sin In Heaven (on the New Earth)?

- Nahum 1:9
- *What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time. -*

When Will There Be An Utter End?

- Revelation 20:7-9
- And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

When Will There Be An Utter End?

➤ Ezekiel 28:14-19

➤ **Thou [art] the anointed cherub that covereth;** and I have set thee [so]: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou [wast] perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till **iniquity was found in thee.** By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth **a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee,** and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: **thou shalt be a terror, and never [shalt] thou [be] any more.**

When Will There Be An Utter End?

- Malachi 4:1, 3
- *For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do [this], saith the LORD of hosts. -*

What Will People Not Be Able To Do During the Plagues?

- Revelation 15:8
- *And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.*
- We enter through prayer
- So when the plagues begin, no praying to try and confess sins -

Why Can We Not Confess Our Sins During the Plagues?

- Isaiah 59:16-17
- *And he saw that [there was] no man, and wondered that [there was] **no intercessor**: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance [for] clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke. According to [their] deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence. -*

What Is Declared Before the First Plague?

- Revelation 22:11-12
- *He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.* And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. -

How Long Are the Plagues?

- Revelation 18:8
- *Therefore shall her plagues come **in one day**, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong [is] the Lord God who judgeth her.*
- IN ONE DAY means no more than ONE DAY
- But, “each day for a year” (Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:6)
- So in less than 360 days will the plagues last -

Does Probation Close At the Same Time For INSIDE and OUTSIDE the Church?

- 1 Peter 4:17
- For the time [is come] that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if [it] first [begin] at us, what shall the end [be] of them that obey not the gospel of God?
- Probation closes for those INSIDE the church first -

What Is the Close of Probation In the Church Called?

- Revelation 7:3-4
- *Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: [and there were] sealed an hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.*
- It is called the SEALING TIME -

What Does It Mean to Be Sealed?

- "Medical Missionary Work in Southern California," Interview held in Los Angeles, California, September 15, 1902
- *Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads--it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved--just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already. The judgments of God are now upon the land, to give us warning, that we may know what is coming.*
- Note the SHAKING time -

How Do We Know Sunday Is When Probation Closes?

- Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 141
- *Never did this message apply with greater force than it applies today. More and more the world is setting at naught the claims of God. Men have become bold in transgression. The wickedness of the inhabitants of the world has almost filled up the measure of their iniquity. This earth has almost reached the place where God will permit the destroyer to work his will upon it. The substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of Sunday in place of the Bible Sabbath, is the last act in the drama. When this substitution becomes universal, God will reveal Himself. He will arise in His majesty to shake terribly the earth. He will come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity, and the earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain. -*

How Can We Be Blameless?

- Romans 13:14
- *But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to [fulfil] the lusts [thereof].*
- 1 John 2:1
- *My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous*
- 1 John 1:9
- *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. -*

What Is the Sequence?

- Between now and Sunday law, cases of the living will be investigated
- Once declared sealed (Revelation 17:3-4), they make up the 144,000, who go forth to evangelize the world
- Can't evangelize the world while still sinning so that is why they are
 1. "not defiled with women" (Revelation 14:4) [other denominations or religions or beliefs] (Revelation 17:5 – Harlots including the Mother of)
 2. "they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth" (Revelation 14:14), which is to live in complete obedience (Mark 8:34) ["Deny self, take up the cross"] ...

What Is the Sequence?

- 144,000...
- 3. “And in their mouth was found no guile” (Revelation 14:5), which is to not speak of sinful things [Psalms 32:2] nor think them either [Luke 6:45]
- 4. “they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth” (Revelation 14:14), which are higher and higher standards (Philippians 3:14)
- 5. “are without fault” (Revelation 14:5), which is complete victory over sin
- The world is warned and their cases are closed
- Seven last plagues in which no one can switch sides (Revelation 22:11) ...

What Is the Sequence?

- Second coming happens in which those taken to Heaven to examine the books do not sin
- The third coming happens and all the wicked are consumed putting an utter end to sin
- Eternity begins without sin ever to exist again -

What State Are We In (Not Pennsylvania)?

- Revelation 12:17
- *And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. -*

Who Is Our Commander?

- The Upward Look, page 230
- *In order to be true soldiers of Jesus Christ we must meet the requirements of His Word as loyal subjects of the heavenly kingdom. . . . Those who claim to believe the truth must appreciate the great warfare before us and what is comprehended in being a faithful soldier of Jesus Christ. . . . The Saviour's army invites voluntary enlistment. There must be a complete surrender of the passions, will, and ways to the will of the Master. Our work is to obey the orders of the mighty General of armies. A strong and active bodily organization is to be maintained. The senses must be enlightened as to perfect obedience; duties are to be done which cannot always be seen as essential; but now comes in the necessity of faith in a higher wisdom and power than your own. Have faith in God, unshaken faith in the skill and ability and fidelity of your Commander, who knows the plan of the battle. -*

What Are We Part of Then?

- Joel 2:11
- *And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp [is] very great: for [he is] strong that executeth his word -*

What Does That Make Us Individually?

- 2 Timothy 2:3-4
- *Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of [this] life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*
- Notice that a good soldier does not mess around with the affairs of this life, i.e., worldliness -

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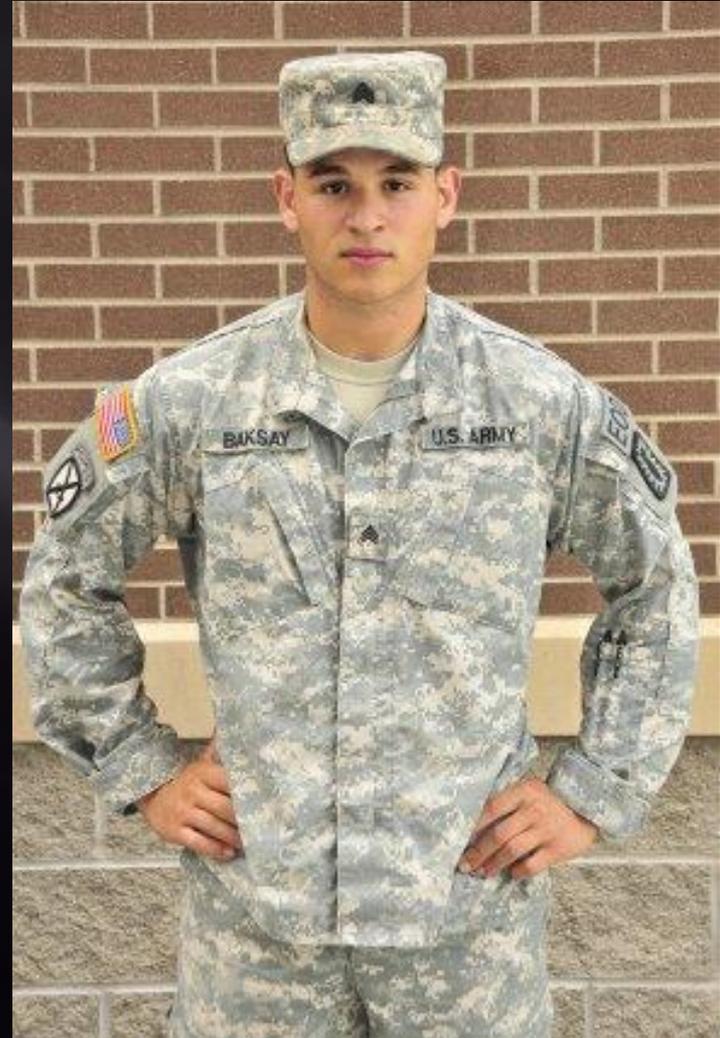


Soldier A

How Does a Soldier Appear?



Out of Shape



Or Fit

What Do Soldiers Eat?

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Pick and choose buffet?

What Do Soldiers Eat?



Pick and choose



Or Whatever Is Set Before Them

What Do Soldiers Do At Night?

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Staying Up Late Watching TV?

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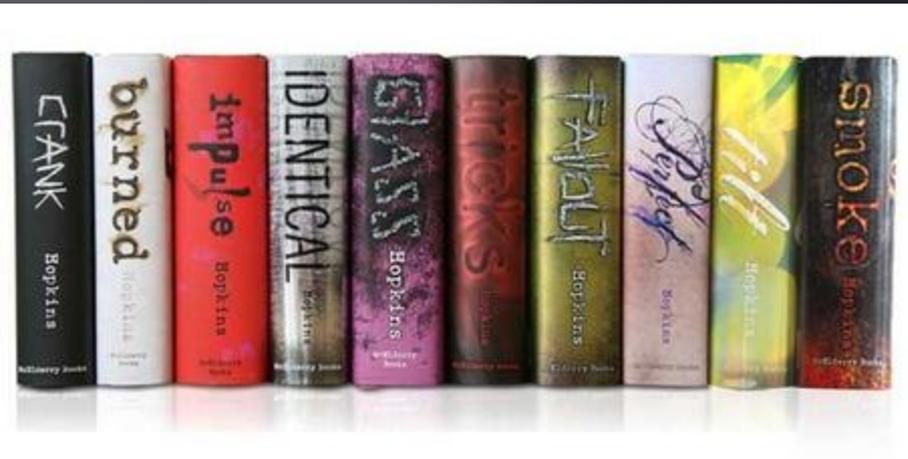


Staying

Adhering To Curfew/Lights Out

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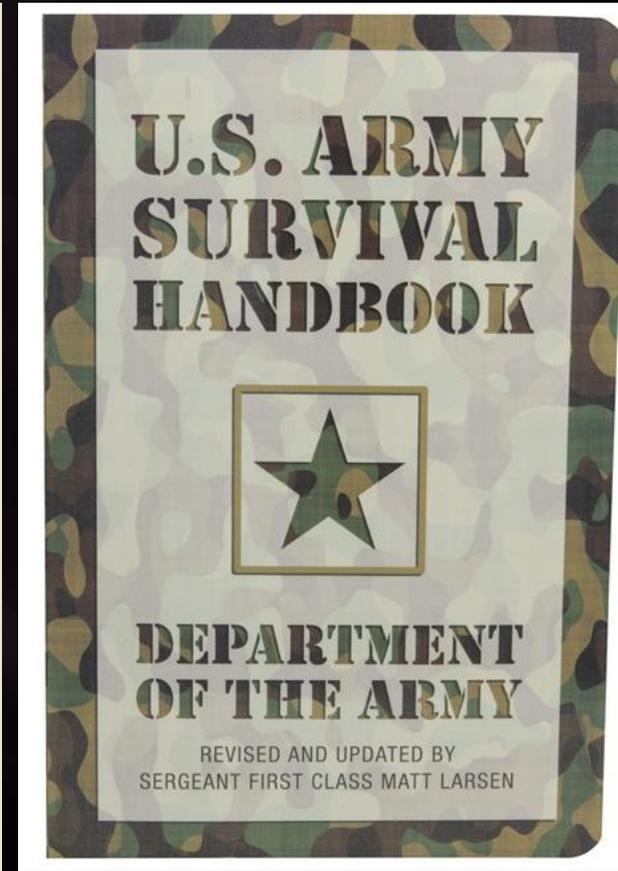
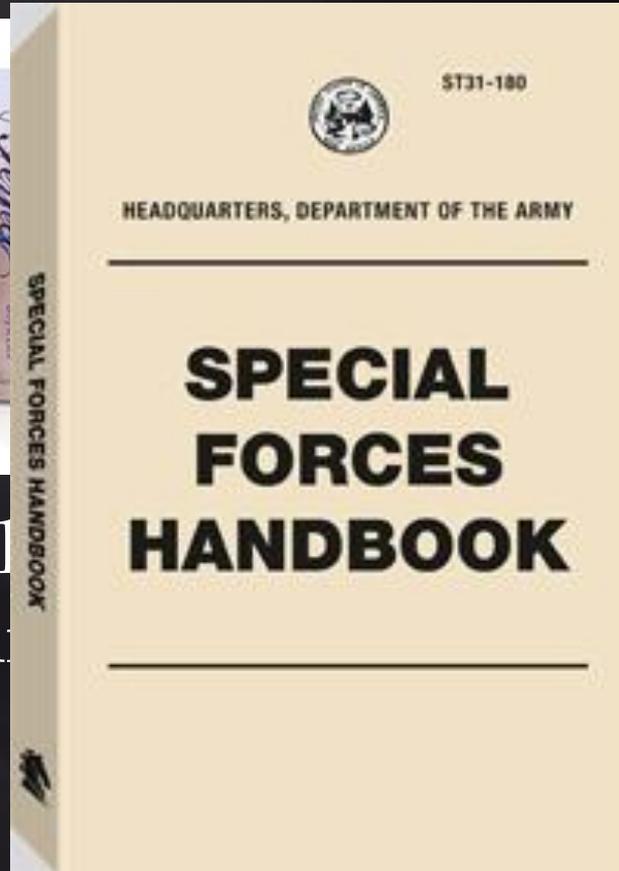


Depressing Books?
Enemy Propaganda?

What Do Soldiers Read?



Depressing Book
Enemy Propaganda



Survival Material

How Do Soldiers Dress?

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With Lots of Jewelry?

How Do Soldiers Dress?



With Lots of Jewelry?



With No Jewelry?

Does Our Commander Tell Us To Be Fit?

- 3 John 1:2
- *Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*
- 1 Corinthians 3:17
- *If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are. -*

Does Our Commander Tell Us What To Eat or Not Eat?

- Genesis 1:29-30
- *And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which [is] upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which [is] the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein [there is] life, [I have given] every green herb for meat: and it was so.*
- Plant based diet

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- Acts 15:20
- *But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and [from] fornication, and [from] things strangled, and [from] blood.*
- Acts 15:29
- *That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.*
- Acts 21:25
- *As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written [and] concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from [things] offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication.*

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- Leviticus 11:3
- *Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, [and] cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.*
- Leviticus 11:9
- *These shall ye eat of all that [are] in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.*
- Leviticus 11:21
- *Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon [all] four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth;*

Does Our Commander Tell Us What To Eat or Not Eat?

- The Review and Herald, March 3, 1910 par. 4
- We are *not to make the use of flesh-meat a test of fellowship*, but we should consider the influence that professed believers who use flesh-meats have over others.
- Meat eating is NOT A SIN, neither is TEMPTATION, but...
- Counsels on Diet and Foods, page 383
- By the *use of flesh meats the animal nature is strengthened and the spiritual nature weakened.*

Does Our Commander Tell Us What To Eat or Not Eat?

- *The Review and Herald, May 27, 1902 par. 1*
- *If Seventh-day Adventists practiced what they profess to believe, if they were sincere health reformers, they would indeed be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. And they would show a far greater zeal for the salvation of those who are ignorant of the truth.*

Greater reforms should be seen among the people who claim to be looking for the soon appearing of Christ. Health reform is to do among our people a work which it has not yet done. There are those who ought to be awake to the danger of meat eating, who are still eating the flesh of animals, thus endangering the physical, mental, and spiritual health. Many who are now only half converted on the question of meat eating will go from God's people, to walk no more with them.

Does Our Commander Tell Us What To Eat or Not Eat?

- *The Ministry of Healing*, page 302.1
- *Cheese* is still more objectionable; it *is wholly unfit for food.*

Does Our Commander Tell Us What To Eat or Not Eat?

- *Counsels for the Church, page 225*
- *The diet reform should be progressive. As disease in animals increases, the use of milk and eggs will become more and more unsafe. An effort should be made to supply their place with other things that are healthful and inexpensive. The people everywhere should be taught how to cook without milk and eggs, so far as possible, and yet have their food wholesome and palatable.*
God is not honored when the body is neglected or abused and is thus unfitted for His service. To care for the body by providing for it food that is relishable and strengthening is one of the first duties of the householder. It is far better to have less expensive clothing and furniture than to stint the supply of food.

Does Our Commander Tell Us What To Eat or Not Eat?

- *Testimonies for the Church Volume Nine, page 162.3*
- *The time will come when we may have to discard some of the articles of diet we now use, such as milk and cream and eggs; but it is not necessary to bring upon ourselves perplexity by premature and extreme restrictions. Wait until the circumstances demand it and the Lord prepares the way for it. -*

Does Our Commander Tell Us What To Eat or Not Eat?

- Luke 10:8
- *And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.*
- Do keep in mind that they went only to the cities of Israel so all foods were “clean”
- We need to try to be less picky
- Eat to live and not live to eat -

Does Our Commander Tell Us What To Read or Not Read?

- John 5:39
- *Search the scriptures*; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Does Our Commander Tell Us What To Read or Not Read?

- The Adventist Home, page 413
- *Another source of danger against which we should be constantly on guard is the reading of infidel authors. Such works are inspired by the enemy of truth, and no one can read them without imperiling the soul. It is true that some who are affected by them may finally recover; but all who tamper with their evil influence place themselves on Satan's ground, and he makes the most of his advantage. As they invite his temptations, they have not wisdom to discern or strength to resist them. With a fascinating, bewitching power unbelief and infidelity fasten themselves upon the mind.*

Does Our Commander Tell Us What To Read or Not Read?

- The Adventist Home, page 413
- *In the education of children and youth fairy tales, myths, and fictitious stories are now given a large place. Books of this character are used in schools, and they are to be found in many homes. How can Christian parents permit their children to use books so filled with falsehood? When the children ask the meaning of stories so contrary to the teaching of their parents, the answer is that the stories are not true; but this does not do away with the evil results of their use. The ideas presented in these books mislead the children. They impart false views of life and beget and foster a desire for the unreal.*

Does Our Commander Tell Us What To Read or Not Read?

- *Manuscript Releases Volume Six, page 272.2*
- *There is another class of books, love stories and frivolous and exciting tales, that are a curse to every one who reads them. The author may attach a good moral, and religious sentiments may be woven all through these books, yet in most cases Satan is but clothed in angel robes, to deceive and allure the unsuspecting. The mind is affected in a great degree by that upon which it feeds. The readers of frivolous, exciting tales, become unfitted for the duties lying before them. They live an unreal life, and have no desire to search the Scriptures, to feed upon the heavenly manna. The mind that needs strengthening is enfeebled, and loses its power to contemplate the great problems which relate to the mission and work of Christ, the plan of salvation.*

What Are the Weapons Like?

- 2 Corinthians 10:4-6
- (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.
- This is why we are careful to what we watch, read, listen to -

What Is A Weapon of Satan?

- *Manuscript Releases Volume Five, page 107.3*
- *The things you have described as taking place in Indiana, the Lord has shown me would take place just before the close of probation. Every uncouth thing will be demonstrated. There will be shouting, with drums, and dancing. The senses of rational beings will become so confused that they cannot be trusted to make right decisions. And this is called the moving of the Holy Spirit.*
- *If it is not to be done in the church, do you think we ought to be doing it personally -*

Does This Sound Impossible?

- Matthew 19:23-26
- *Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard [it], they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld [them], and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.-*

How Are We Encouraged To Fight?

- 1 Corinthians 9:26-27
- *I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring [it] into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. -*

How Are We Encouraged To Fight Other People?

- 1 Peter 2:11
- *Dearly beloved, I beseech [you] as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by [your] good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. -*

What “Go Into Battle” Words Are For Us?

- 1 Timothy 6:12
- *Fight the good fight of faith*, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.
- 2 Timothy 4:7-8
- *I have fought a good fight, I have finished [my] course, I have kept the faith*: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.-

