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WOW – Word on Wednesday

The Qualities of a Strong Soldier

2 Timothy 2:3-4; 4:7-8

I. The Soldier is a Follower (vs 3)

a. It Implies Relationship

1. The first step is to join the army. No one can be a soldier until they are accepted into the army. Acts 16:31
2. This is accomplished only through receiving Jesus as one's Savior. John 3:3

b. It Implies Rank

1. There is always someone higher than you. The same is true in the Lord's army. 1 Peter 5:6-7
2. Every child of God is under ranked under Jesus and is responsible for following Him and His will for their lives. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
3. God always has a way of cutting down to size. Judges 7:1-9

c. It Implies Rule

1. To refuse to follow orders is treason!
2. When we are in the Lord's army, we have an obligation of obeying His orders even unto death!
3. When we refuse to live as the Lord desires, we become traitors! James 4:17

II. The Soldier is Faithful (vs 3-4)

a. A Soldier's Patience = endures hardship and does not quit.

1. The good or strong soldier realizes that there will be trouble along the way, and is not detoured by it.
2. The soldier understands that pain is often part of the Christian experience. John 16:33

b. A Soldier's Priorities

1. Seeks to please the Commander. Notice that the soldier has no higher goal in life than pleasing the superior.
2. Who comes first in your life? Whatever or whoever it is, that is your commander and lord!

c. A Soldier's Practices

1. Guards the truth of faith – a good soldier takes care of the things they are the steward over.
2. The soldier is determined to do a good job, and refuses to do anything to bring disgrace or dishonor to the superior.
3. Likewise, we must not bring dishonor or disgrace God's grace!

III. The Soldier is Familiar (There are some things that a good soldier knows.)

a. With the sound of the Commander's voice

1. The way to get more familiar with the Lord's voice is to spend more time listening to it. John 10:3-5
2. You get this by getting in the Word! Matthew 4:4

- b. With the skill of using weapons
 - 1. The good soldier knows that he is engaged in mortal warfare and knows that the only way to succeed in the fight. Ephesians 6:12
- c. With the strategy of the enemy
 - 1. The good soldier knows that the enemy is ever active and never rests. 1 Peter 5:8
 - 2. The good soldier knows that the enemy is shrewd and ever attacking.
 - 3. The good Christian soldier needs to be wise to the ways of the devil and needs to be ready at all times. 1 John 4:4

IV. The Soldier is a Fighter

- a. The Soldier is Determined
 - 1. The good soldier does not retreat in the face of the enemy.
 - 2. Many Christian soldiers have dropped out of the battle! I challenge you to not be among that number. 1 Timothy 1:19-20
- b. The Soldier is Driven
 - 1. The good soldier realizes that the battle does not run according to a time frame.
 - 2. What would it take to make you quit this evening? The strong soldier is in the battle to the finish. 1 Timothy 6:12
 - 3. Many Christians are one disaster away from quitting!
- c. The Soldier is Dedicated
 - 1. The good soldier dedicates himself to keeping the oath.
 - 2. The good soldier is determined to live for the Lord regardless of the personal cost.