

“COMPONENTS FOR BEING A GOOD SOLDIER FOR CHRIST”

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-5

INTRO: A good soldier of any military must be properly trained and prepared if he is going to be successful in his mission. So it is true with those of us who are soldiers for Christ. So, **WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE PROPERLY TRAINED AND PREPARED AS A GOOD SOLDIER FOR CHRIST?** Consider the following FIVE COMPONENTS FOR BEING A GOOD SOLDIER FOR CHRIST.

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I. DISCIPLINE – VS. 1

“BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS”

- A. Every good soldier is physically strong.
- B Every soldier for Christ must be spiritually strong and purposefully overcome spiritual weakness.
- C. No soldier for Christ has the ability to be spiritually strong in and of himself.
- D. The key for spiritual strength is to STAND IN THE GRACE OF CHRIST.
 - 1. By Grace we are saved. –Ephesians 2:8,9
 - 2. By Grace we are sustained – 2 Corinthians 12:9
- D. The key for standing strong in the Grace of Christ

REJECT PERSONAL STRENGTH TO YIELD TO DIVINE GRACE!

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II. DISCIPLESHIP – VS. 2

“COMMIT TO FAITHFUL MEN, WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO.”

- A. Every good soldier teaches other soldiers.
- B. Every soldier in Christ is compelled to teach others what he has learned.
- C. This is a part of the GREAT COMMISSION – Matthew 28:19,20
- D. How to DISCIPLE OTHERS?
 - 1. Study the Word of God personally.
 - 2. Seek out a person to disciple
 - a. Small Bible Study
 - b. One-to-One
 - c. Mentoring another younger Christian

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III. DETERMINATION – VS. 3

“ENDURE HARDNESS”

- A. Every good soldier is trained to endure hard situations.
- B. Every soldier of Christ MUST BE DETERMINED to ENDURE THE HARDNESS of the Christian life and ministry.
- C. This involves not quitting, not giving up, not running away.
 - Galatians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58

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IV. DIRECTION – VS. 4

“NO MAN THAT WARRETH ENTANGLETH HIMSELF WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THIS LIFE.”

- A. Every good soldier is totally focused on the mission and will not involve himself with anything that will distract him from the mission.
- B. Every soldier for Christ faces that “AFFAIRS OF THIS LIFE.” What are the “AFFAIRS OF THIS LIFE?” It is the **SATANIC CONTROLLED WORLD.**
- C. The call to maintain direction for the soldier of Christ is Romans 12:1,2.

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V. DUTY – VS. 5

“STRIVE LAWFULLY”

- A. Every good soldier functions according to good military policy and orders. THAT IS HIS DUTY.
- B. Every soldier for Christ has the DUTY to function according to the principles of the Word of God. Note: Joshua 1:8

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APPLICATION/LESSON:

Every Christian is a soldier for Christ. Every Christian MUST be ready and willing to apply every component that is needed to fulfill his responsibility in the Army of God. Are You?