

**I AM A CHRISTIAN
SOLDIER.**

2 Timothy 2:3,4

YOU ENLISTED

- You were not drafted.
- Joshua 24:15,16
- *And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”*
- **The Choice is Yours!**

YOUR AGENDA NO LONGER MATTERS

- Luke 14:26-33
- *“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish’?”*

YOUR AGENDA NO LONGER MATTERS

- Luke 14:26-33
- *Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.*

YOUR AGENDA NO LONGER MATTERS

- Matthew 8:21-22
- *Then another of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” But Jesus said to him, “Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”*

YOUR AGENDA NO LONGER MATTERS

- Isaiah 6:8
- *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”*

**“Tomorrow I will be ready Lord,
then send me!”**

A GOOD SOLDIER...

■ Endures Hardship

■ 2 Timothy 2:1-4

■ *You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 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. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 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...

- **Endures Hardship**

- 2 Corinthians 11:24-27

- From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness,

A GOOD SOLDIER...

- **Endures Hardship**
- 2 Corinthians 11:24-27
- *in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.*

A GOOD SOLDIER...

- **Endures Hardship**
- Are we only soldiers of Christ when it is easy for us?
- Do we modify our orders when they become too demanding?
- Do we go AWOL (absent without leave) at the first sign of danger?

A GOOD SOLDIER...

- **Endures Hardship**
- 2 Timothy 3:12
- *Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*
- Are you willing to suffer for Christ?

A GOOD SOLDIER...

- **Does Not Collaborate With the Enemy**
- 2 Corinthians 6:14,15
- *Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?*

A GOOD SOLDIER...

- **Does Not Collaborate With the Enemy**
- John 15:18
- *“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.*

A GOOD SOLDIER...

- **Enlists Others to Achieve The Goal**
- John 1:40-42
- *One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.*

A GOOD SOLDIER...

- **Enlists Others to Achieve The Goal**
- Mark 16:15-16
- *And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.*

A PERFECT COMMANDER

- Philipians 2:8
- *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*
- Hebrews 4:15
- *For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

THERE IS A BATTLE RAGING

- Ephesians 6:11-18
- *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,*

THERE IS A BATTLE RAGING

- Ephesians 6:11-18
- *and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.*

THERE IS A BATTLE RAGING

- 2 Timothy 4:7,8
- *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 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.*

CONCLUSION

- Are you a soldier of the Lord?
- Do you believe in the cause of Christ?
- Are you being all that you can be in His service?