

THE ARMY OF GOD

Not Entangled With The Affairs Of This Life

I. 2 Timothy 2:3-4

A. ~~Is this you? Are you a soldier? Are believers soldiers? Are you one that is warring?~~

1. ~~Warreth~~ Serve in a military campaign, make military expedition, do military duty, be on active service, be a soldier
2. ~~2Tim2:3~~ Is this just Paul talking to Timothy or is this the spirit of God speaking to us? Is he a soldier, but we are not?
3. ~~Eph6:10-17~~ You've given armor and told to put it on b/c you're a soldier in God's army — Only soldiers need armor
4. ~~2Cor10:3~~ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty; ~~1Tim1:18~~ That you might war a good warfare

B.A. You are a soldier in the army of God and scripture paints a clear picture of this

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- d. We have warfare (military service) 2Co10:3-For the weapons of **our warfare**; 1Tim1:18-That **you** might war a **good warfare**

2. Jesus is ~~our~~ the Leader of the Army of God-Hb2:10-Captain (Leader, chief) of our salvation

- a. Js5:13-14-NKJV-When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" So he said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come."
- b. ~~The Lord of hosts (armies, war, soldiers, that which goes forth, warfare, service, goes out to war) – God has an army, He has soldiers~~

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2.3. The Kingdom of God is the nation/government we represent

- a. We are God's sent ones-2Co5:20-**We** (not just preachers) are ambassadors for Christ (~~AR~~-representative, ~~a~~-messenger, ministers)
- b. We are children of the Kingdom, and we've been planted in the world;
- b. Mt13:38-The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the Kingdom
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- ~~d. We are not from here, but sent here from above-Ph3:20-We are citizens of the state (commonwealth, homeland) which is in Heaven; Jn3:3-Except a man be born again (from above) 31-He that comes from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly; and speaks of the earth~~
- e.d. We are not of the world just like Jesus was-Jn17:16-They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world

3.4. Our cause is to shine as lights in this world holding forth the Word-Ph2:15-16- In the midst of a crooked and perverse nation among whom you Shine as lights holding forth the word of life

- a. Our cause is to preach to recruit-Mk16:15-Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be damned;
- b. Our cause is to teach to train to send out-Mt28:20-Go ye therefore and teach all nations
 - 1) You don't just need to be saved you to be shiny and salty and so you must be trained The teaching and preaching is key not to just getting people saved but to train you in shininess and saltiness

4.5. We have an enemy who is against us and trying to thwart the advancement of our cause- 1Pt5:8-Your adversary the devil

- a. ~~Satan's against us-1Pt5:8-Your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walks about seeking whom he may devour~~
- b.a. He does not want to see people saved and shiny and salty; and Hhe's trying to do the opposite of what we're doing
- b. 2Cor4:4-In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them

→6. In a lot of teaching/preaching the sole focus is your personal prosperity/well-being and advancing the cause isn't talked about;

In other teaching/preaching it's the opposite, but these two work together; It's going to be difficult to be a good soldier depressed, fearful, bound by sin, poor and sick and so my personal prosperity/well-being enhances what I can do a soldier

2) If you are saved it's wants to keep you from being shiny and salty

5. There is conflict—1Tim1:18—War a good warfare; 1Tim6:12—Fight the good fight;

6. There is rank in this army—Hb13:17—Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves;

7. There are orders—1Th4:2—You know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus

8. There are weapons—Eph6:13—Take unto you the whole armor of God; 2Co10:4—The weapons of our warfare

9. There is training—Eph4:12—For the perfecting (training) of the saints for the work of the ministry

C.B. You are on active duty, you are on a military expedition, a military campaign

1. We are the body of Christ, we are carries of Himself and are on active duty

1. You've been sent by God into the Earth as a part of His army to accomplish something for Him

a. Mt5:14—You are the light of the world; Let your light so shine before men; Rm13:12—Put on the armor of light; Ph2:15—In the midst of a crooked and perverse nation among whom you shine as lights in the world holding forth the word of life—We are the body of Christ, we are carries of Himself and are on active duty

2. Every believer is a soldier in the army of God; Every believer has an assignment on their life; Every believing has been sent by God into the Earth as a part of His army to accomplish something for Him ; Every believer has been sent into the Earth to accomplish something for the one who sent them

a. God sent Jesus w/ work to do and He sent us with work to do; Jn17:4—I have glorified you on the earth: I have finished the work which you gave me to do 18 As you have sent me into the world even so have I also sent them into the world

b. Paul had a course, John had a course, you have a course; 2Tim4:7—I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course; Ac13:25—As John fulfilled his course; Heb12:1—Let us run (have course) with patience the race set before us

c. 2Cor5:20—WE are ambassadors NOT just preachers You have work to do—; Eph4:12—Perfeting the saints for the work of the ministry

d. You've been gifted in accordance with your purpose—1Pet4:10—AMP—Each of you has received a gift (a particular spiritual talent, a gracious divine endowment), employ it for one another as [befits] good trustees of God's many-sided grace

3. To most people this is not real enough and most are just living with no awareness of what God sent them to do

a. God has a plan for you to accomplish something in the Earth for Him; You're not just here to live or /exist, but to work and advance the cause

II. Soldiers (which you are one) don't get entangled in the affairs of this life

A. Can you get entangled with the affairs of this life? ?

1. Entangled—Involved in, entwine, braid, weave together; Affairs—Transaction, business, occupation (NOT SIN)

2. CEB—Nobody who serves in the military gets tied up with civilian matters; ERV—A soldier wants to please his commanding officer, so he does not spend any time on activities that are not a part of his duty; GW—Whoever serves in the military doesn't get mixed up in non-military activities; LEB—No one who serves as a soldier is entangled in the activities of everyday life; NOG—Whoever serves in the military doesn't get mixed up in non-military activities; NCV—A soldier wants to please the enlisting officer, so no one serving in the army wastes time with everyday matters;

2.3. He's not talking what many would describe as blatant sin, but rather wrapped up in this earthly life

B. Most of the activity going on down here in the Earth has no value in Heaven

1. Ecclesiastes is describing the vanity of this Earthly life apart from using it to serve God (This is how most live)

a. Ecc1:2—Vanity of vanities, says the preacher, vanity of vanities all his vanity 14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun and behold all is vanity and vexation of spirit – Vanity—Empty, useless, unsatisfactory

b. Ecc1:14—AMP—I said in my heart regarding the subject of the sons of men, God is trying (separating and sifting) them, that they may see that by themselves [under the sun, without God] they are but like beasts

1) People living with no awareness of God, the plan of God for their lives, what's he's called them to do are no different than animals; Wrapped up in this life, most of what they do day-to-day here has no value there

~~Isaiah 65:2-Voice-I kept extending Myself to a people **who don't care a whit**. All day **long** I opened my hands to those who constantly work against Me, Those **busy pursuing their own rotten path**, inspired by their own rotten schemes~~

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~~c. **Acts 20:22-24-I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesses in every city saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God**~~

~~1) **He had a revelation that life down here of itself, unto himself was not something to cling to, but it was merely for service and Heaven was so real to him once He was done, He was ready to get out of here**~~

~~2) **This doesn't mean we can't enjoy things in this life, but everything needs to be seen for what it really is**~~

~~d. **What the world values the most has no value and carries no weight in Heaven**~~

~~1) **I don't count my life dear unto myself**~~

~~C. **Jesus admonishes us to not spend our lives on things that don't matter, but rather on things that remain**~~

~~1. **Jn4:34-My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work**~~

~~2. **Jn6:27-Labor not for meat which perishes (decay, waste away, rendered useless), but for meat that endures unto everlasting life;**~~

~~a. **There's a whole lot happening on the planet that is useless, that means nothing, that won't last, that won't remain, that has no eternal/kingdom value and will leave you unsatisfied, unfulfilled, empty; There are other things happening on this planet that mean something, that will remain and have eternal/kingdom value, and those things will satisfy you and leave you full on the inside**~~

~~b. **What makes this stuff so vain is that it won't remain, it won't last beyond this life**~~

~~3. **Much of what most people are spending most of their lives doing is meaningless to the Lord**~~

~~a. **God not interested in how many shows you binged watched (immersion) or how much time you spent on FB,IG**~~

~~2) **Jn6:27 There's stuff that going on in this Earth that is just going to waste away, but then there's some other stuff that's going to last well beyond this Earth and into eternity**~~

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~~a. **What the world values the most has no value and carries no weight in Heaven; What the world values the least Heaven values very much**~~

~~1) **God is not going to be interested at all to hear how many shows you binged watched—beware it's immersion; God's not going to be interested to hear about all the time you spend scrolling on Facebook; He's not going to be interested in how many times you posted if you love Jesus you'll share this**~~

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~~D. **This actually is one of the main strategies of the enemy to keep the army of God from advancing – Distraction**~~

~~1. **Satan would love for you to become so earthly minded and so consumed with the things of the earth (my job, my bills, my family, my interests) that you forget and have no time for the things of Heaven; He wants to fill your life with earthly things until your life is so full there's no room left from the Lord, for prayer, study of your Kingdom purpose**~~

~~a. **Mk4:19-AMP-TheThe -distractions of the age enter in and choke the Word out b/c there's no room left**~~

~~2) **Can you get so caught up in worldly stuff (job/family/hobbies) that years go by & you've done nothing little for the Lord?**~~

~~E. **We are to set our affection (regard, value, be concerned with) Heavenly business, not earthly business**~~

~~3) **Col3:2-We are to set our affection on things above, NOT on things of the Earth (My assignment, my call, my development, my church)**~~

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a. ~~Jn4:34-Jn4:34 Only one thing matters in this life; One thing matters the most in this life and it's the oOnly one thing will that will give you any kind of fulfillment/and satisfaction and it's doing the will of the one who sent you and beyond this life nothing else is going to matter at all and we must set our affection on what matters the most~~

E.2. Your reward in Heaven is not equal and it's solely based on what you do with this life (these rewards are forever)

a. ~~Rev22:12-Behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be~~

b. ~~Col3:23-24-And whatsoever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord you shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for you serve the Lord Jesus Christ~~

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4. ~~Lk12-It was not God's plan that your life be consumed with a job so that you can live and store up enough so you don't need that job anymore; Satan uses this provision piece to distract people and he started in Gen1-3~~

III.—Pr4:26-We need to ponder the path of our feet -

A.III. What am I doing with my time?

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1. ~~Maybe you don't have time/energy to do what you need to do b/c you spend it on stuff you don't need to do~~

2. ~~Lk12-It's not God's plan for your life to be consumed with work to eat, until you don't have to work anymore; Satan uses this provision piece to distract and it started in Gen 3~~

3. ~~People justify putting their family before the Lord~~

1.B. ~~Time is more valuable than money — You can't make more time~~

a.1. ~~We should be willing to spend extra money if it will save us time~~

2.C. We need to know this because being aware that our time is limited will help us spend our time more wisely

a.1. *Ps90:12-TLB-Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should*

b.2. *Ps39:5-6-TLB-Help me to realize how brief my time on earth will be. Help me to know that I am here for but a moment more. My life is no longer than my hand! My whole lifetime is but a moment to you (Js4:14-To God our lives are like a vapor)*

3. ~~Time with God is much different than it is on the Earth~~

a. ~~2Pt3:8-One day with is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousands years as one day – A thousands years year is like one day with the Lord-So 125 years to us is like three house to the Lord~~

b. ~~There is time in Heaven and in eternity-Rev8:1-When he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour; Rev22:2-In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there a tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits and yielded her fruit every month – Eternity is not without time, it's endless time~~

e.4. ~~Most people spend their time like they have an unlimited amount; Most live down here like they'll live forever~~

3.5. ~~Wise people realize that their life on earth will end at some point-Ecclesiastes 7:2-4; 2-TLB-For you are going to die, and it is a good time to think about it while there is still time-4-Yes, a wise men thinks much of death, while the fool thinks only of having a good time now~~

B.D. ~~You don't have unlimited time here and so you want to make sure that you are spending THE MOST TIME on the things that MATTER THE MOST~~

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~~2.1. A wise man invests MUCH into what matters the MOST – While a fool invests MUCH into what matters LITTLE~~

~~3.2. Eph5:14-17-Wake up and be aware you're not going to live forever, redeem the time knowing what God's will is We want to redeem the time~~

~~3. Say It: I will not allow my life to be occupied with meat that perishes, with stuff that doesn't mean anything. Things that have no kingdom value, no eternal value, no heavenly value I WILL NOT allow to occupy my life. I'm not going to labor for it, be consumed by it, be occupied with it. NO!~~

~~4. We want to redeem the time~~

IV. If you're going to be a good soldier there's stuff you **just can't can't** get entangled with

~~A. It does not please the Lord when we get entangled in the affairs of this life~~

~~1. People get so entangled/wrapped up in stuff that doesn't matter they have no time left for stuff that does matter~~

~~B. If you're going to be a good soldier you have to locate what is expedient and edifying and invest your time into it~~

~~1. 1Cor6:12-All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient (AMP-Helpful, good for me to do) 1Cor10:23-All things are lawful, but all things edify not (but not all things are constructive [to character] and edifying [to spiritual life].~~

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~~We cannot be a team of common men because common men go nowhere; We have to be uncommon Does this please the Lord when you get entangled in the affairs of this life? No~~

~~2. ___~~

~~D. Heb12:2-If you're going to be a good soldier there's stuff you're going to have to lay aside (put off, cast away)~~

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~~B.a. What are you wrapped up in? There's stuff you can't get wrapped up in; **WYC**-No man holding knighthood to God, wrappeth himself [enwrappeth himself] with worldly needs, that he please to him, to whom he hath proved himself,~~

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~~D.2. There's stuff that a good soldier will just avoid;-; 2Tim2:4-**AMP**-No soldier in active service gets entangled in the [ordinary business] affairs of civilian life; [he avoids them] so that he may please the one who enlisted him to serve~~

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~~4. You need to get a divorce;; 2Tim2:4 **TP** For every soldier called to active duty must divorce himself from the distractions of this world so that he may fully satisfy the one who chose him;~~

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~~V.— NOTES~~

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~~B. You're not just fighting against the things the devil is trying to do in your life, but you're fighting to fulfill your mission; Fear, depression, poverty, disease are just things that try to hinder your ability to complete your mission~~