

WANTED – FIGHTING CHRISTIANS

2 CHRONICLES 26:11, 1 TIMOTHY 6:12

Text:

(2 Chronicles 26:11) "Moreover Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands,
(1 Timothy 6:12) "Fight the good fight of faith,
(2 Timothy 2:3) "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Introduction:

Christian life is a warfare, not a picnic. There are battles to be fought, enemies to be conquered, victories to be won. Of course, there are wonderful feasts to be enjoyed all along the way, but fighting and not feasting is our special business.

There are three things to know if we are to obey our text.

1. Who our enemies are.
2. How to fight them.
3. The conditions of success in our battles.

1. OUR ENEMIES

Who are our enemies? Who and what is it that we are to fight?

A. The Devil. Eph. 6:11,12

B. The World. 1 John 5:4

1. The world seeks to bring us under its sway, under the dominion of its ideas.

C. The Flesh. Mat. 26:41

D. Sin

E. False Doctrine (Jude 4)

2. HOW TO FIGHT

A. We must fight to win.

B. We must fight energetically.

C. We must fight wisely. (James 1:5)

1. Much of our fighting must be done on our knees

D. We must fight persistently.

3. CONDITIONS OF VICTORY

A. Faith in Jesus Christ. I John 5:4,5

B. We must be strong. Eph. 6:10; Eph. 3:16; 1 John 2:14

C. We must be ready to "endure hardness" or "suffer hardship." 2 Tim. 2:3

D. A knowledge of weapons.

1. We must know what the best weapons are. The great weapon of our warfare is the Word of God.

2. But we must not only know what the best weapons are; we must actually have these weapons.

3. We must know how to use our weapons.