



The Good Fight of Faith Sunday July 25, 2010

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1 Timothy 6:12

A good fight is a fight that you win, and it is a fight worth fighting for!

Ephesians 6:10-18

1 Peter 5:8,9

You will never outgrow warfare. Regardless of how long we have been walking with God, and regardless of how spiritual we become – as long as we are on the earth – we will always have battles to fight. You must simply learn to fight and keep fighting the good fight of faith.

No snakes in my garden

Adam put in charge to tend and guard the garden Genesis 2:15

Eve was called to be a helper to Adam. Eve was to help Adam keep out intruders

Lets say it: "No snakes in my garden"

No snakes in our garden

John 10:10 Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy

The shield of faith is to defend and to advance

Understanding satan's tactics

2 Corinthians 2 :11 devices = Greek noemata = purposes, schemes, plots

Ephesians 6:11 wiles = methods of working

1. Temptation
2. Intimidation
3. Intrusion
4. Opposition
5. Deception
6. Oppression
7. Possession
8. Domination
9. Empowerment

--Video—Pilgrims Progress

How to hold up the shield of faith

Satan's primary attacks are in the area of the mind.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5



They are presented to us as thoughts, arguments (reasonings) or imaginations.

We must counteract each of those with faith in the Word of God. Faith – which our absolute trust in God and His word – acts as a protection from every weapon of the enemy. It nullifies the effects of the fiery darts the enemy throws against us.

The shield of faith will quench ALL the fiery darts of the wicked one. Ephesians 6:16

Jesus is our example. When He was tempted (Matthew 4), He responded with the Word of God.

(Give examples of how to do this)

Fear , Intimidation , Lack , Doubt , Worry , Worthlessness , Distractions

How to advance with the shield of faith

Fight the good fight of faith

The shield of faith also is used to advance.

While the enemy is firing his fiery darts, you take up the shield of faith that protects you and you keep advancing against the enemy.

The Holy Spirit our Teacher

Sit at the feet of the Holy Spirit. Learn His battle techniques. He will show us what the enemy is really up to. He will inspire strategies to defend, to counterattack and to advance.

The Warrior is a Child

Learning to dwell in the secret place of the Most High. Psalm 91

Learning to draw strength from the Lord Hebrews 2:18

Possessing Our Land

Only what you possess, can you give as an inheritance 1 Chronicles 28:8

God observes every attack against your life. Like Job, when your battle is over, expect a double-portion.

See your battle as a gate to your promotion.

Become serious about winning your fight of faith. Never fight half-heartedly. Your battle deserves your full attention because winning it authorizes God to promote you.