

FIGURES IN TIMOTHY #1 - THE SOLDIER

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

It is a great privilege to be in God's Army. We are CALLED into His service, TRAINED by His Word, and SENT forth to battle.

I. THE WARFARE OF THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

- A. We must recognize that we are at war 2 TIM. 2:4
- B. We must go to "boot camp" (DISCIPLINE) Vs. 3
 - 1. Endure hardness - no place for sissies
 - 2. Battlefield not playground - Souls are at stake!
- C. We must not fight in our own strength 2 COR. 10:3-4
 - 1. Always been true - Gideon, Joshua, Elijah, etc.
 - 2. PRAY UP, STUDY UP, SHOW UP, and STAND BACK!
- D. We must not go AWOL (return to civilian life) Vs. 4a

II. THE ENEMY OF THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

- A. We have THREE adversaries: WORLD / FLESH / DEVIL
 - 1. The World - Don't collaborate! 1 JOHN 2:15-17
 - 2. The Flesh - A constant and daily foe ROM. 8:13
 - 3. The Devil - The ADVERSARY Satan 1 PETER 5:8
- B. Our foes have many ways to defeat us / hinder us
- C. Rule over the flesh or it will rule over you!

III. THE WEAPONS OF THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

- A. Warfare requires weaponry - Guns, tanks, planes, etc.
- B. We have a sword - the Word HEB. 4:12
- C. We have God-given armor 1 THESS. 5:8

IV. THE VICTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

- A. The world overcomes the lost sinner, becomes enslaved
- B. But Christ has OVERCOME the World 1 COR. 15:57
- C. And we, through Him, will overcome 1 JOHN 4:4-5

V. THE REWARD OF THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

- A. Soldiers valiant in battle are decorated after war
 - 1. Battle is not over until He wins final victory
 - 2. Only death or the Rapture will end our fight
- B. Our reward is with our COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF REV. 22:12

CONCLUSION: Are you a Soldier in God's Army? Are you SAVED?
Have you put on the uniform (baptism)?