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## Fit for battle – Pt 5 Know your weapons & use them

This is our fifth study on the topic – fit for battle. In our previous teaching we established – (1) For soldiers to be fit for battle we need to purposefully TAKE – (i) the shield of faith, (ii) the helmet of salvation, and (iii) the sword of the Spirit, and (2) to be fit for battle we need to pray and watch. In this study we establish – 1) Boldness in exhortation can be seen as walking according to the flesh, 2) To be fit for battle we need to know we walk (physically) in the flesh BUT not war after the flesh, and (3) To be fit for battle we need to know & use our weapons that are mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. Boldness in exhortation can be seen as walking according to the flesh.

“But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh” (2 Cor.10: 2).

### 2. To be fit for battle we need to know we walk (physically) in the flesh BUT not war after the flesh.

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh” (2 Cor.10: 3).

### 3. To be fit for battle we need to know & be able to use our weapons that are mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.

“(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)” (2 Cor.10: 4).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

My lessons learnt from three years of communicating with a Roman Catholic, and five years previous to that of communicating with a Jehovah Witness are – Teach good sound doctrine, exhort, reprove and rebuke with all long-suffering those that err not knowing the scriptures, and if the person you are exhorting cannot see, nor discern spiritual truth from error once revealed, then the god of this world has blinded them as much as those who believe not the gospel.

Question to think about.

How do we change what the lost see, how do we change what our brethren see when they one day turn from the truth and believe heresy, or harden their heart to truth?

Our answer from the scriptures.

Understand that the warfare is spiritual, understand the devices which the devil uses – whether deception, destruction, delay, or discouragement and –.

“Sow in tears”, “reap in joy” (Ps.126: 5) and pray for the brethren – beseeching the Lord to pull down the strong holds the walls that the god of this world has placed over the minds of those that cannot see spiritual truth. It is only when we can see that we are deceived, delayed or discouraged that the enemy loses his ability to wield his devices.

So if you desire to be fit for the battle – be vigilant, pray more, beseeching God to pull down strong holds, then He will pull down the walls that blind – then we, with all boldness and meekness can speak the truth in love. To God be the glory!