

Fit for battle – Pt 6 & final Be prepared

This is our sixth and final study on the topic – fit for battle. In our previous teaching we established – 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. In this study we establish – (1) To war in the spiritual involves casting down i) imaginations, and ii) every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, (2) bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ, and (3) having a readiness to revenge all disobedience when our obedience is fulfilled.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

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“And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled” (2Cor 10:6).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

The well known movie series – Star Wars has one episode where Luke begins his training to be a warrior, to learn the skills required to be a Jedi Knight and to defeat Darth Vader and understand the devices his enemy. However, when Luke finds out that his friend Han Solo has been captured he disobeys his master, leaves his training and decides to face Vader himself. Yoda warns the young soldier not to face Vader until he has completed the training but his emotional ties pull him away. In the battle that results he loses a hand and realises his error.

Question to think about.

For those who discern that God wants them to be a soldier on the front line of the battle, how does tarrying a while enable them to be fit for the battle?

Our answer from the scriptures.

When we wait on the Lord, we force ourselves to slow down, pray and spend time with the Lord in His word. We immerse ourselves in what is right, good and wholesome, and learn what is error, wickedness and evil. We make time to prepare our hearts to seek the Lord (2 Chr.30: 19), and His law (Ezra 7: 10).

When you prepare your heart to seek God you will be attacked more than when you do not, and so to war against the enemy you will need to pray, and ask God to cast down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.