

# Authentic Believers Live Like Soldiers

Christians must never forget they are soldiers in a war 2 Timothy 2:3-4 Chris Mueller 8-26-2018

Introduction:

3 Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.  
4 No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier

#1 Christian soldiers live with **E**\_\_\_\_\_ 3a

3a Suffer hardship with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus

#2 Christian soldiers live without **E**\_\_\_\_\_ 3b-4

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James 4:4 You adulteresses, do you not know that **friendship with the world is hostility toward God?**  
Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world **makes himself an enemy of God.**

1<sup>st</sup> Good soldiers fulfill their **D**\_\_\_\_\_ 3b

3b Suffer hardship with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus

Colossians 3:23 do your work **heartily**, as for the Lord

2<sup>nd</sup> Good soldiers **D**\_\_\_\_\_ themselves from other distractions 4a

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John Calvin The condition of military discipline is such, that as soon as a soldier has enrolled himself under a general, he leaves his house and all his affairs, and thinks of nothing but war; and in like manner, in order that we may be wholly devoted to Christ, we must be free from all the entanglements of this world.

Hebrews 12:1 ... let us also lay aside every **encumbrance** and the **sin** which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Calvin Everyone who wishes to fight under Christ must relinquish all the hindrances and employments of the world, and devote himself unreservedly to the warfare.

Philippians 3:13 ... forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,  
14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

LUKE 9 "Follow Me." But he said, "Permit me first to go and bury my father." But He said to him, "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God." And another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home." But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Matthew 13 the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Good soldiers seek to please the D \_\_\_\_\_ of their commander 4b**  
**4b so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.**

2 Corinthians 5:15 He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Matthew 25:21 Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.

Galatians 1:10 If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

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**#1 Good things are not necessarily the \_\_\_\_\_ things.**

**#2 The path to maturity and ministry is \_\_\_\_\_, not instant or easy.**

**#3 Investing into others is a \_\_\_\_\_—never give up and stay focused.**

**#4 Stop listening to the \_\_\_\_\_ who tell you to live for yourself.**

**An effective soldier willingly disentangles his life in order to please his captain.**

#### **Questions for Growth in Christ**

1. How is the Christian life like a soldier?
2. What elements of the soldier's life should a believer NOT be like, and what elements should they imitate?
3. What does it mean to disentangle oneself from the affairs of everyday life?
4. What areas are a distraction to your walk with God and potentially idolatrous in your heart that you may have to repent of?
5. How can we live a life that pleases our Lord Jesus Christ?
6. What steps will you take this week to become more like Christ as a GOOD SOLDIER?