

The Physical and Spiritual Soldier

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Can you imagine a soldier who's about to fight a battle with not only lack of training but also no weapons, shield, or armor. Even if a soldier is highly trained if he has nothing to fight with then he's dead even before he reaches the battlefield. A soldier who is given a weapon, a shield and armor but spends no time training in learning how to use them will make it to the battlefield but because he does not know how to use them, it won't take long for the enemy to defeat him. But a soldier who has weapons, a shield, and armor with him and he has had training on how to fight and use them will have a much greater chance on defeating the enemy. This just shows how much a soldier needs his weapons, shield armor, and training for a physical battle but as Christians were fighting a more intense, important battle. We're fighting the Spiritual battle.

You never see a soldier in the physical world giving less than 100%. Paul said to do all that we can so we will be standing victorious at the end. In the Spiritual battle we should give more than 100% we should give everything we have. A physical soldier wouldn't have a doubt in his mind of what he's fighting for. As Spiritual soldiers we need to stand in the truth of Jesus so we know where we stand without any doubts. In order to stand in the truth we must know the truth which we learn through the word of God. A physical soldier needs his breastplate to protect his heart from being attacked for this will bring death upon him. As Spiritual soldiers living in righteousness is important in order to protect our heart. Once the enemy reaches the heart then we have allowed him to win the battle.

We need to know the truth and obey the truth and our hearts will be protected. A physical soldier has a purpose, to defeat the enemy and he risks his life in order to have victory. The Spiritual soldier is very similar. We have a purpose to go around the world and preach the Gospel and bring peace conquering the enemy by winning souls for God. We fight for the victories of our battles but God already has the victory over the war. In a physical battle the soldier's most important weapon is his faith in being able to conquer what's ahead of him. He couldn't even fight the battle without the faith or confidence he needs, and he gains that faith in training.

In the same way a Spiritual soldier's most important weapon is his faith in God, which he gains while getting to know God through training. If we don't have that faith we need in God then we can't fight any battles. We'd lose all of them because God is the leader in whom we need to put our faith in. A physical soldier also needs to have faith in his leader. If he doesn't trust the leader he might turn against him and start fighting for the other side. And with this faith we Spiritual soldiers can depend upon God to quench the enemies fiery darts against us and others.

A physical soldier needs his helmet to protect his head because like the heart it can end in fatal destruction. Our salvation and how we got it and who gave it to us should always be on our mind. It'll protect our minds from anything that wants to come in and destroy our spiritual lives. A physical soldier would not forget his weapon because without it everything else is useless. It's what gives him the ability to fight. As Spiritual soldiers we must have our weapon or sword, which is the Spirit. The Word of God is the Spirit and it will always be with us helping us to fight by giving us guidance, direction, protection, and strength.

A physical soldier becomes dedicated to his leader never turning against him always keeping contact with him. In the same way as Spiritual soldiers we need to dedicate our lives to God never turning against Him, always keeping communication open with prayer and supplication. This is all we need to know for winning our battles on Earth. Physical soldiers know better than to go into a battlefield with nothing. So shouldn't us Spiritual soldiers know that so much more?