

AIDE MEMOIRE

for Christian Soldiers

NS Ministry | Calvary Pandan B-P Church

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MISSION

2 Timothy 2:3-4

*Thou therefore endure hardness,
as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
No man that warreth entangleth
himself with the affairs of this life;
that he may please him who hath
chosen him to be a soldier.*

Always endure hardness and every difficult circumstance.

Be a good soldier for Christ with your testimony.

Careful not to be entangled with the attractions and temptations of this world.

Do all things to please Christ who has chosen us to be His soldiers.

EIGHT CORE VALUES

1 Thessalonians 5:15-22

1. Follow that which is good.
2. Rejoice evermore.
3. Pray without ceasing.
4. In everything give thanks.
5. Quench not the Spirit.
6. Despise not prophesyings.
7. Prove all things;
hold fast that which is good.
8. Abstain from all appearance of evil.

1. Follow that which is good

Temptations abound in the army. Whether it be drinking, gossiping, or slacking off, we will be sure to face some of them. Our only help to fight these temptations is the Word of God.

We need to read and obey God's instructions to defend ourselves against the wiles of the devil.

We also need to look at the perfect example of Christ and emulate Him. If we do so, we will be able to lay aside the sins that beset us and run the race with patience (Hebrews 12:1-2).

2. Rejoice evermore

There will be many situations that will get you down in the army, from unjust treatments, confinements and extra weekend duties etc.

As a soldier of Christ, we know how that "*all things work together for good to them that love God*" (Romans 8:28). Therefore, make use of this opportunity to shine for Christ by being joyful under these circumstances.

3. Pray without ceasing

Prayer is the ultimate communication tool that has no range limit and can be used under any and every situation. This communication is to the all powerful Supreme Commander who hears our every plea and request and gives us the grace to carry on with our mission on earth. This tool, however, can be jammed when you “*regard iniquity in your heart*” (Psalm 66:18).

4. In everything give thanks

This is one of the hardest thing to do in the army, especially when you are unjustly treated. Just remember, God has allowed these trials upon you. If you overcome them with God’s help, your faith will be strengthened. Giving thanks when complaints fill the room will differentiate you from the rest and will show you to be a true soldier for Christ.

5. Quench not the Spirit

If you are a child of God, the Holy Spirit resides within you to give you the strength to go through the rigours of tough training, overcome trials and not give in to the lust of the eyes and flesh that surround you constantly. When you decide to do things on your own strength, you will fail. Let the Holy Spirit lead you in the right way; but if you choose to ignore the still small voice of God and give in to your lusts, you will slip into more sins.

6. Despise not prophesying

The Word of God is essential during days in NS. Read it daily, whenever possible, and commit it to memory. Hide God's Word in your heart and it will counsel, quicken and caution you in all situations. Find every opportunity to hear God's Word preached and taught. Without God's Word, you are like a soldier without your rifle.

7. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good

Base all your actions upon the Word of God. Anything else would be sin. The more you know God's Word, the more obedient you must be. Once you learn what God says of the attractions of this world, purpose to stand firm to do that which is right.

8. Abstain from all appearance of evil

Do not play with temptation and put yourself in a situation where you are likely to sin. Abstain from going near drinking sessions in the mess, say no to nights out at pubs and flee from all invitations to night spots. Be warned that the appearance of evil leads to evil itself, so *“make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lust thereof”* (Romans 13:14).

ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT

Ephesians 6:10-11

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord,
and in the power of his might.*

*Put on the whole armour of God,
that ye may be able to stand against
the wiles of the devil.*

1. Helmet of salvation
2. Breastplate of righteousness
3. Shield of faith
4. Belt of truth
5. Sword of the Spirit (Word of God)
6. Armour cleaning kit

1. Helmet of salvation

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; (Ephesians 1:7-8)

2. Breastplate of righteousness

Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. (Romans4:6-7)

3. Shield of faith

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. (Hebrews 11:33-34)

4. Belt of truth

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)

5. Sword of the Spirit (Word of God)

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

6. Armour cleaning kit

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (Ephesians 6:18)

SOLDIERS OF FAITH

In General “Stonewall Jackson”, God found a true man who would stand in the gap. Both strong and tender, the motto of his life was, “Lord what wilt thou have me to do?” As fervent in the field of battle, so was Jackson on his knees in prayer. “He was a man of prayer, accustomed in all he did to ask the divine blessing and guidance. His aide said that he could always tell when a battle was near at hand by seeing the General get up a great many times in the night to pray. “General Jackson did not simply pray, he fervently prayed.”

The following story gives us some insight in the passion of his prayers. It was told by the Rev. William Brown, “the truth is sir, that ‘old Jack’ (Jackson) is crazy. Why, I frequently meet him out in the woods walking back and forth muttering to himself incoherent sentences and gesturing wildly. At such times he seems utterly oblivious of my presence and of everything else.”

“A friend was once conversing with Jackson about the difficulty of obeying the scripture injunction, ‘pray without ceasing,’ and Jackson insisted that we could so accustom ourselves to it, that it could be easily obeyed.

When we take our meals there is the grace. When I take a drink of water, I always pause, as my palate receives the refreshment, to lift up my heart to God in thanks and prayer for the water of life.

Whenever I drop a letter into the box at the post office, I send a petition along with it for God’s blessings upon its mission and upon the person to whom it is sent. When I break the seal of a letter just received, I stop to pray to God that He prepare me for its contents and make it a message of good.

When I go to my classroom and await the arrangement of the cadets in their places, that is my time to intercede with God for them. And so of every other familiar act of the day.”

Though a man of superior abilities, Jackson humbly recognised his need for Jesus in everything he did.

QUOTES BY GODLY GENERALS

Stonewall Jackson

Duty is ours; consequences are God's.

Our God was my shield. His protecting care is an additional cause for gratitude.

*Sacrifices! Have I not made them?
What is my life here but a daily sacrifice?*

*If you desire to be more heavenly minded,
think more of the things of heaven,
and less of the things of earth.*

My religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time for my death, I do not concern myself about that, but to always be ready, no matter when it may overtake me... That is the way all men should live, and then all would be equally brave.

QUOTES BY GODLY GENERALS

Robert E. Lee

I tremble for my country when I hear of confidence expressed in me. I know too well my weakness, that our only hope is in God.

*I like whiskey. I always did,
and that is why I never drink it.*

In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength.

*Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more,
you should never wish to do less.*

Get correct views of life, and learn to see the world in its true light. I will enable you to live pleasantly, to do good, and, when summoned away, to leave without regret.

We failed, but in the good providence of God apparent failure often proves a blessing.

SONGS OF BATTLE

Psalm 96:1-2

*O sing unto the LORD a new song:
sing unto the LORD, all the earth.
Sing unto the LORD, bless his name;
shew forth his salvation from day to day.*

Onward Christian Soldiers

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle see His banners go!

Refrain:

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;
On then, Christian soldiers, on to victory!
Hell's foundation quiver at the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise.

Like a mighty army moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

Onward then, ye people, join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.
Glory, laud and honour unto Christ the King,
This through countless ages men and angels sing.

Am I a Soldier of the Cross

Am I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb,
And shall I fear to own His cause,
Or blush to speak His name?

Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize,
And sail through bloody seas?

Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?

Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?

Sure I must fight, if I would reign;
Increase my courage, Lord.
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy word.

When that illustrious day shall rise,
And all Thy army shine
In robes of victory through the skies,
The glory shall be Thine

Keep on the Firing Line

If you're in the battle for the Lord and right,
Keep on the firing line;
If you win, my brother, surely you must fight,
Keep on the firing line;
There are many dangers that we all must face,
If we die still fighting it is no disgrace;
Cowards in the service will not find a place,
So keep on the firing line

Refrain:

Oh, you must fight, be brave against all evil,
Never run, nor even lag behind;
If you would win for God and the right,
Just keep on the firing line.

God will only use the soldier He can trust,
Keep on the firing line;
If you'll wear a crown then bear the cross you must,
Keep on the firing line.

Life is but to labor for the Master dear,
Help to banish evil and to spread good cheer;
Great you'll be rewarded for your service here,
So keep on the firing line.

When we get to heaven, brother, we'll be glad,
Keep on the firing line;
How we'll praise the Savior for the call we had,
Keep on the firing line;
When we see the souls that we have helped to win,
Leading them to Jesus, from the paths of sin,
With a shout of welcome, we will all march in,
So keep on the firing line.

SONGS OF COMFORT

Psalm 46:1-2

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will not we fear,
though the earth be removed,
and though the mountains be carried
into the midst of the sea;*

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief
And oft escape the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition be bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my ever care,
And wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
May I thy consolation share,
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,
I view my home and take my flight:
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise
To seize the everlasting prize;
And shout, while passing through the air,
"Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"

This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hands the wonder wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,

God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done,
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadow come,
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for Heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled,”
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth
But one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
From care He sets me free:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He cares for me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He cares for me.

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

What to do when you sin

1. Realise our sin and the need for repentance.
Hosea 14:1, O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.
2. Confess our sin.
1 John 1:9, If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
3. Purpose not to go back to sin.
Daniel 1:8a, But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself...
4. Pray without ceasing.
Matthew 26:41, Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
5. Do not give opportunity to our flesh to sin.
Romans 13:14, But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

6. Choose to spend free time for God, in the study and meditation of His Word and in doing His work.

2 Timothy 2:15, Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

7. Ask a brother in Christ to help you in this spiritual battle.

Galatians 6:2, Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

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MEETINGS

Monthly NS Prayer Meeting:

2nd Sunday, 1.15pm - 1.45pm, #03-06

Quarterly NS meeting:

3rd Sunday of Mar / Jun / Sep / Dec,

12.15pm - 1.15pm,

Level 3 Sanctuary cryroom

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