

I. The Battle Charge for the Christian Soldier (6:11-12)

- A. **But You, O Man of God** (Deut 33:1; 1 Sam 9:6; Neh 12:24; 2 Chron 8:14; 1 Kings 17:18; 2 Kings 4:7; 23:17)
- B. **Flee** from false teaching, unhealthy controversy, and the love of money (6:3-5, 9-10)
- C. **Pursue** righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness
- D. **Fight** the good fight of the faith (1:18; 4:7; 2 Tim 4:7)
- E. **Take hold** of eternal life (1:16; Phil 3:10-12)

II. The Formal Commission to the Christian Soldier (6:13-15b)

- A. Witnesses: God the Father and Jesus Christ (John 18:37; Matt 27:11)
- B. Charge: Keep the Commandment
- C. When: Until the Appearance of Christ (2 Tim 4:8)

III. The Victory Song of the Christian Soldier (6:15b-16)

- A. God Reigns (Deut 10:17; Rev 17:14)
- B. God is Immortal (John 5:26; Acts 17:28)
- C. God Dwells in Holy Splendor (Ps 104:1-2)
- D. God is Invisible (Exo 33:20; John 1:18)
- E. To God Be Honor and Eternal Dominion

“If all we do is run away from one sin, we will run right into the arms of another.” —Philip Ryken

"If therefore we see any of the followers of Christ, in the midst of the most violent, unreasonable, and wicked opposition of God's and his own enemies, maintaining under all this temptation, the humility and quietness and gentleness of a lamb, and the harmlessness and love and sweetness of a dove, we may well judge that here is a good soldier of Jesus Christ."
—Jonathan Edwards, *The Religious Affections*

The commandment is “the whole law of Christ, the rule of faith and life enjoined by the gospel, to which Timothy has pledged himself at his baptism.” —J. N. D. Kelly

“For, if earthly soldiers do not hesitate to fight, when the result is doubtful, and when there is a risk of being killed, how much more bravely ought we to do battle under the guidance and banner of Christ, when we are certain of victory? More especially, since a reward awaits us, not such as other generals are wont to give to their soldiers, but a glorious immortality and heavenly blessedness; it would certainly be disgraceful that we, who have such a hope held out to us, should grow weary or give way.” —Calvin

Reflection Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What does it mean to be a Christian soldier? What does it mean to fight the good fight?
2. Do you see your Christian life as a struggle? What are the key battles you are fighting in your life right now?
3. How can you find strength to persevere in the fight until Christ comes again?