

# War

- Nations: Soldiers on a Battle Field
- Human body: Germs & Health
- The Soil: Weeds / Insects & Crops
- Human mind: Battle of Ideas: Truth/Error
- Human soul: Fleshly & Spiritual Lusts
- Life & Death: Winning & Losing
- Battle lines: Weapons Warfare

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- *This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, 1 Tim 1:18-19*
- *Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, 1 Tim 6:12*
- Put on the whole armor of God to stand against a spiritual host of wickedness. Eph 6:10-19

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- *You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. 2 Tim 2:3-5*

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- *Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. James 4:1-2*
- *Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 1Pet. 2:11*

# *War*

- **What kind of war is this?**
- **What are the battle lines?**
- **What are the weapons?**
- **How do we know when we are fighting?**
- **How do we know if we are winning?**
- **These crucial questions help us position ourselves for success and to win.**



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*“strateuomai ... to make a military expedition, to lead soldiers to war or to battle, (spoken of a commander; to do military duty, be on active service, be a soldier; (Thayer p. 590; 4754)*

# Strategy of Lusts

- *9 I was once alive* apart from the law, but when the commandment came, *sin came alive and I died.* 10 The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. 11 For *sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.* Rom 7:8-11

# Strategy of Lusts

- *But each one is tempted when he is **drawn away by his own lusts** and **enticed**. 15 Then, when **lust has conceived**, it **gives birth to sin**; and **sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death**. James 1:14-15*

# Strategy of Lusts

- *I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wishes to do good. 22 For **I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,** 23 but **I see a different law in the members of my body waging war against the law of my mind, and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.** Rom 7:21-23*

# *The War for the Soul*

- Drawn Away by own Lust and enticed
  - What Satan did to Eve with his lies
- Desire has conceived
  - She saw the tree was good for food; a delight to the eyes; desirable to make one wise – 1Jn 2:15-17
- Gives Birth to Sin
  - She took of the tree - Mt 5:21-22(the lust is the birth)
- When Full Grown – brings death
  - She took the food and ate

# Strategy of Lusts

- *But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will **not carry out the desire of the flesh**. 17 **For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit**, and **the Spirit against the flesh**; for these are in opposition to one another, so that **you may not do the things that you please**. 18 But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under the Law. Gal 5:16-18*

# Healthy Tissue - Gangrene

- Broken Skin – toxin producing bacteria; healthy tissue irreparably destroyed.
- This can happen to a healthy Christian
- Doctrinal II Tim 2:15-18 *spread like gangrene*
- Moral 1Cor 5: little leaven leavens lump
- Jesus advice Mt 18:8 *cut it off*
- Heb 6:4-8; *Impossible if enlightened & fall*
- 2Pet 2:20-22 *dog/vomit; pig/mire*

# An Obligation to Live

- *Therefore, brethren, we are debtors — not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.  
13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.  
Rom 8:12-14*



# War

- *Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; Eph 6:14-18*

# War – We Can Win!

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