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The Love-Life Agency

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- Daily revelatory thoughts to sharpen you and to help you grow in deep spiritual understanding and knowledge.

- Scriptures for your daily meditation.

- Daily Christ-centered and apostolic-prophetic prayers.

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THIS IS WAR 2

"This is war, and there is no neutral ground. If you're not on my side, you're the enemy; if you're not helping, you're making things worse." Matthew 12:30 (Message Bible) From yesterday's discussion, we established the matter that there is a war, and as long as you are in the Kingdom, you must be involved. When you became born again, you were not only conveyed into the Kingdom of the Son of His love (Colossians 1:13); you were also made a king and a priest (Revelation 1:6), through Christ Jesus. You have the mandate to dispel the influence of darkness in all places, by shining out the light of the gospel. And you must do this with a mindset of a soldier. God made you a king-priest and enlisted you to be a soldier in His army. This assignment is war, and you cannot approach it with the mindset of a civilian. Observe Paul's statement to Timothy:

"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." 2 Timothy 2:3-4 (KJV).

There are some few items to outline from these two

verses:

i. You are chosen by God as a good (Victorious) soldier of Jesus Christ.

ii. As a soldier you must endure hardships.

The Passion translation puts it this way:

"Overcome every form of evil as a victorious soldier of Jesus the Anointed One".

Which means we overcome or endure because we already have the victory in Christ Jesus. We are waging war from the victory we have received in Christ Jesus.

iii. As a man of war, you don't live as a civilian.

"No man that warreth; entangleth himself with the affairs of this life"

And that is how you will please the Lord who enlisted you. As you are called to active duty of a soldier, you have to divorce yourself from the distractions and ordinary business of this life.

Concentrate on carrying out divine orders. Your

first priority is the mandate of the kingdom as a soldier of Christ. You are a kinging soldier and God's weapon of war against the kingdoms and the systems which set themselves against the Lord.

These are the Lord's words to you dearly beloved;

"You are my battle-ax and sword," says the LORD. "With you I will shatter nations and destroy many kingdoms. With you I will shatter armies destroying the horse and rider, the chariot and charioteer" Jeremiah 51:20-21 (NLT).

As God's soldier and weapon of war, you don't function by your selfish cravings; submit yourself to His will. He works in you both to will and to do.

You don't operate by your strength in the flesh. The Lord supplies you with His strength unto His ordained good works. Therefore, live your life empowered by God's free-flowing grace, which is your true strength, found in the anointing of Jesus and your union with Him! (2 Timothy 2:1)

Shalom!

DIG DEEPER

(2 Samuel 23:8-39; Judges 7; 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; 2 Timothy 4:5; 1 Timothy 1:18).

BIBLE READING

Day 53: Numbers 28-30

DECLARE THESE WORDS:

- I am God's weapon of war

- I am enlisted in His army. Therefore, I don't function as a civilian

- I am committed to the mandate of the kingdom.

- I discipline myself to live as a victorious soldier of Christ.

OH Hallelujah, GLORY TO GOD!!!