



Sermon Series: Walking in Wisdom
Sermon Title: Waging War for the Glory of God
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 10:1-6
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INTRODUCTION

1 Timothy 6:11-12 -

BIG PICTURE POINT: The aim, goal, and purpose of our warfare is to see JESUS honored, treasured, obeyed, and revered in every heart, in every mind, and (even!) in every thought!

I. PORTRAIT OF A FAITHFUL FOLLOWER AND WARRIOR OF CHRIST

1) The follower of Christ is a humble warrior. (verse 1)

Note: The character of Jesus SETS THE STANDARD for every one of His followers/soldiers!

2) The follower of Christ is a willing (and a hope-filled!) warrior. (verse 2a)

“And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them ALL.” (1 Thessalonians 5:14)

3) The follower of Christ is a Spirit-dependent warrior. (verse 2b)

Note: We do not go through life left to our own wits and abilities; our hearts and hands are FULL because God’s glorious Spirit lives in us!

“For when I am weak, THEN I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:10b)

*“But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had **BOLDNESS IN OUR GOD** to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict.” (1 Thessalonians 2:2)*

“For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain.” (1 Thessalonians 2:1)

Note: That phrase “not in vain” (1 Thess. 2:1) could better be translated as “not empty handed”.

“So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only THE GOSPEL of God but also OUR OWN SELVES, because you had become very dear to us.” (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

4) The follower of Christ is a precise (“attacking-the-true-problem”) warrior. (verses 3-5)

*“Doomed souls are inside their fortresses of ideas, which become their prisons and eventually their tombs - unless they are delivered from them by belief in the truth.”
(John MacArthur, 2nd Corinthians, page 329)*

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Romans 1:28 -

Romans 1:26 -

Romans 1:24-25 -

Romans 1:18-23 -

Romans 1:16 -

“...take every thought captive to obey Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Note: See everything in relation to Jesus and you will see things as they really are.

5) The follower of Christ is a patient warrior. (verse 6)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Why do you think Paul begins a chapter on destroying strongholds by talking about the meekness and gentleness of Christ? What’s the point?
2. What is the ultimate objective of our warfare? What kind of war are we fighting?
3. What are the weapons that we fight with? What kind of power do they have?
4. What are some “strongholds” that you see around you today?
5. How can you submit your thoughts to Jesus today? Is there a particular problem, trial, or person that you need to think differently about?