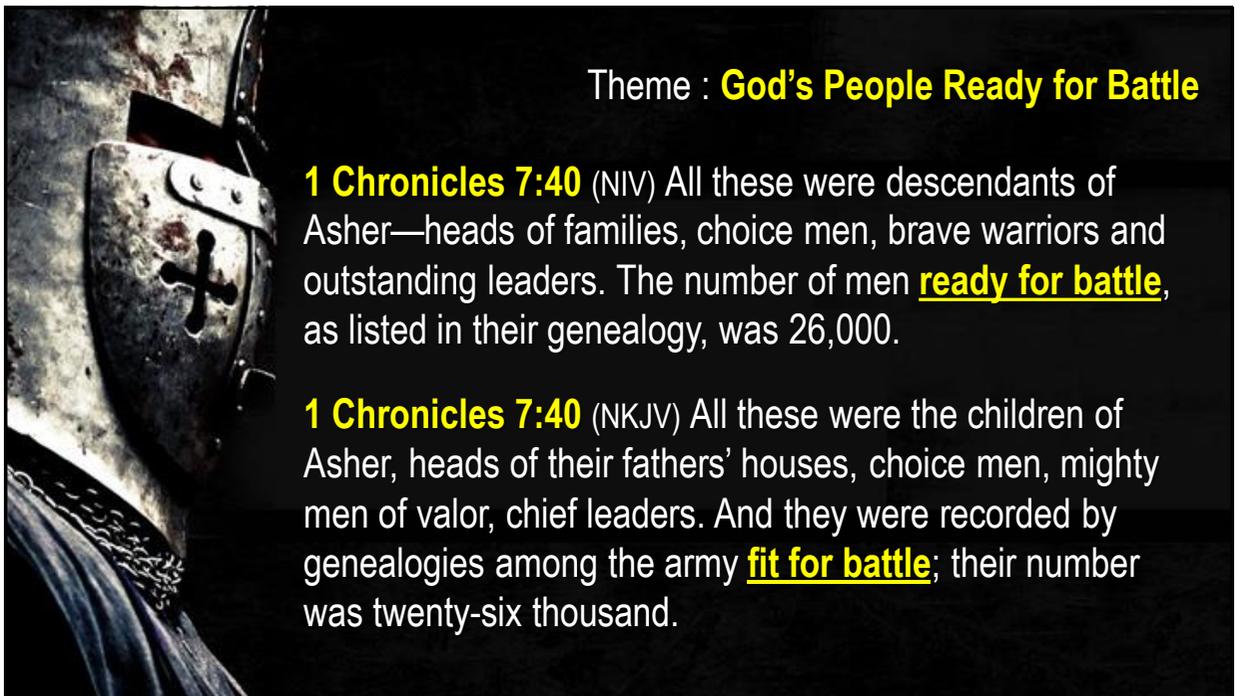




Theme:

# GOD'S PEOPLE READY *for* BATTLE



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**1 Chronicles 7:40** (NIV) All these were descendants of Asher—heads of families, choice men, brave warriors and outstanding leaders. The number of men **ready for battle**, as listed in their genealogy, was 26,000.

**1 Chronicles 7:40** (NKJV) All these were the children of Asher, heads of their fathers' houses, choice men, mighty men of valor, chief leaders. And they were recorded by genealogies among the army **fit for battle**; their number was twenty-six thousand.



Introduction:

**4-Key Characteristics** of such people ready for battle:

1. They are Heads of Families/Communities - **Fatherhood**.
2. They are Select Choice Men - **Character**.
3. They are Brave Mighty Warriors - **Boldness**.
4. They are Outstanding Leaders - **Leader of Leaders**.



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# Four Battle Scenarios



1. We are living in times of increasing **lawlessness**.

**Matthew 24:12a** And because **lawlessness will abound** ...

**1 Timothy 4:1-2**

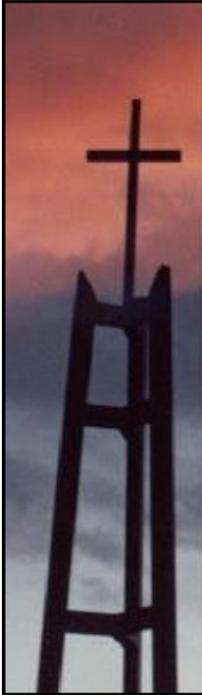
1 Now **the Spirit expressly says** that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to **deceiving spirits** and **doctrines of demons**, **2** speaking **lies** in hypocrisy, having their own **conscience seared** with a hot iron ...



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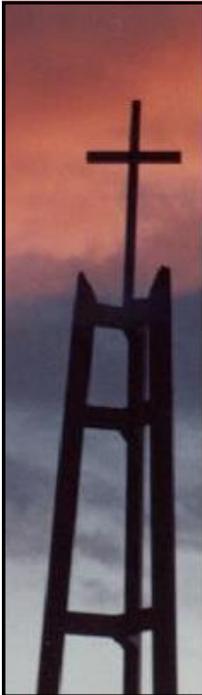


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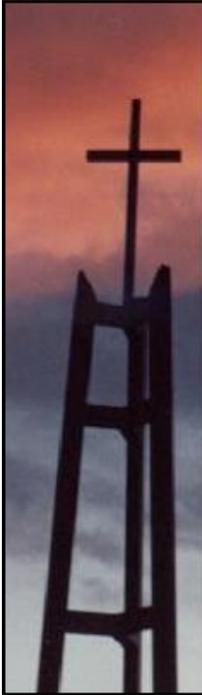
1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!



2. Many believers will be corrupted by the culture of the world.

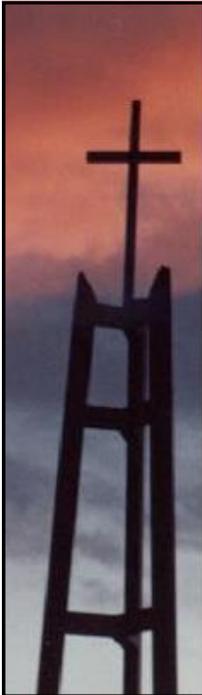
**James 1:27** Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.



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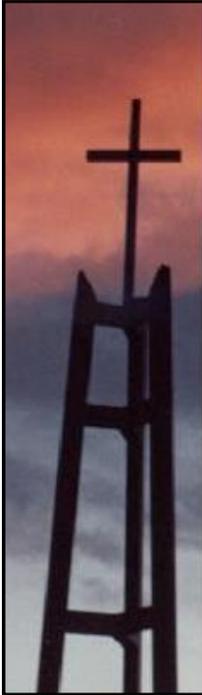
- Religion without relationship with God
- Forgiveness without repentance
- Discipleship without denying the self-life
- Heaven without Hell

- Inclusivism
- Relativism
- Post-Modernism
- Hyper Grace
- Hyper Prosperity
- Universalism



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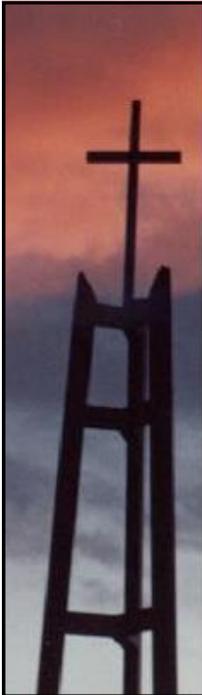
**2 Peter 1:4** by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the **corruption that is in the world through lust.**



3. Many will **dis-connect** from the love of God.

**Revelation 2:4** Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have **left your first love**.

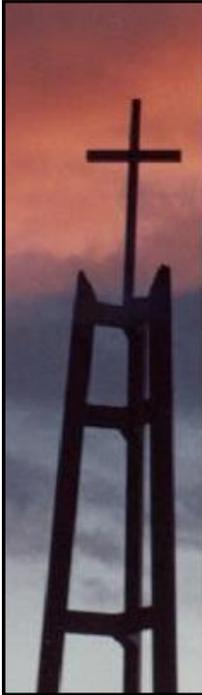
**Matthew 24:12b** ... the **love [agape] of many will grow cold**.



3. Many will **dis-connect** from the love of God.

**1 John 4:10** In this is love, **not that we loved God, but that He loved us** and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

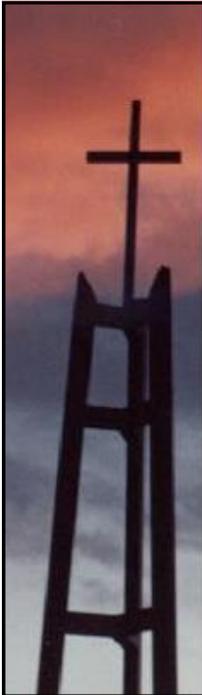
**2 Peter 1:9** For he who lacks these things is **short-sighted**, even to blindness, and has **forgotten** that he was cleansed from his old sins.



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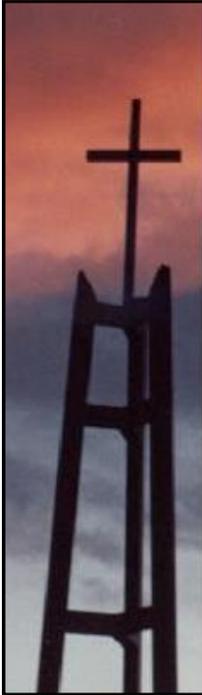
**1 Timothy 4:1** Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will **depart from the faith**, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons ...

**Matthew 24:10** And then many will be **offended [fall away-stumble - NASB]**, will betray one another, and will hate one another.



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**Luke 18:8** I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, **when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?**"



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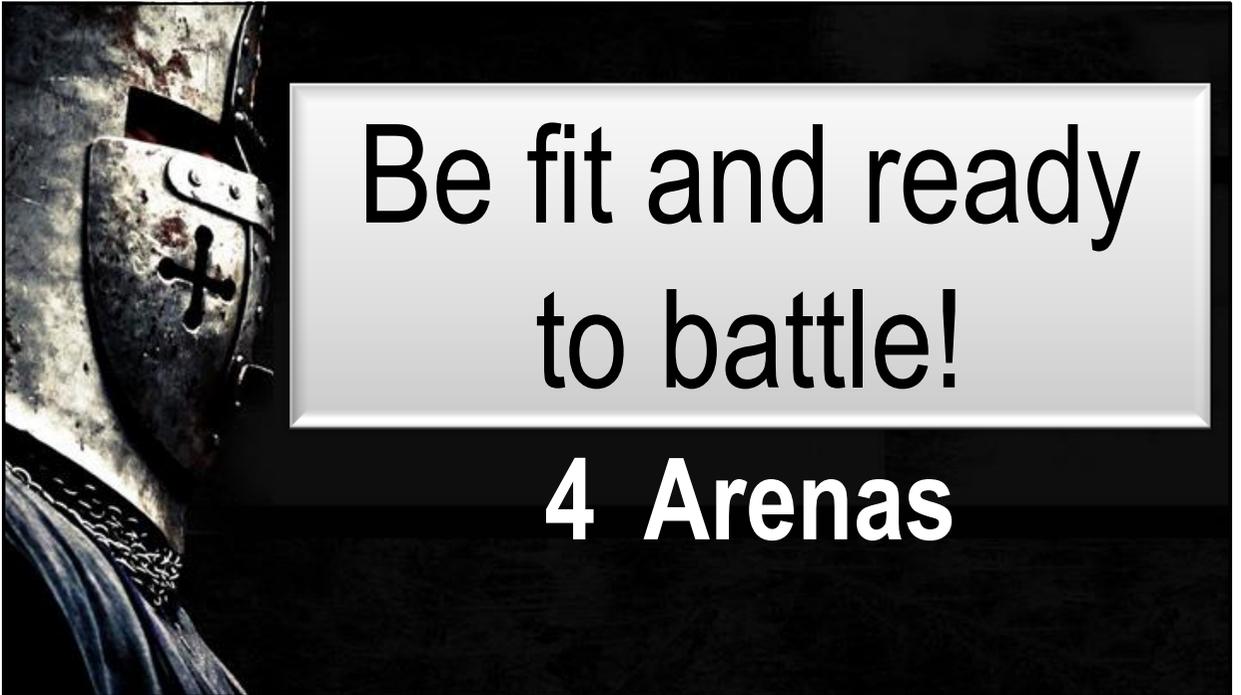
**1 John 5:4-5**

**4** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **5** Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?



### Four Battle Scenarios

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Be fit and ready to battle:

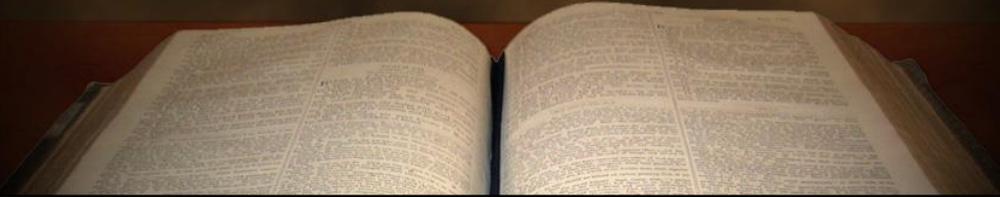
1. For the **Truth / Worldviews**.
  - This is the battle of our **Belief** System.
  - Our lives are the outcome of **what** and **who** we believe.
  - This is our personal journey in **Discipleship**.
  - We must have **vibrant** faith.
  - We must be **HOT** for God or lose this battle.

**This is the KEY Battle  
upon which the other battles hinge**

Be fit and ready to battle:

1. For the Truth / Worldviews.

## A. **What** is Truth?

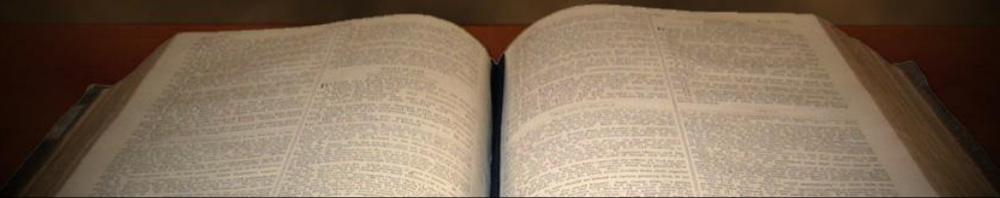


i. The Truth is the Lord Jesus Christ.

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

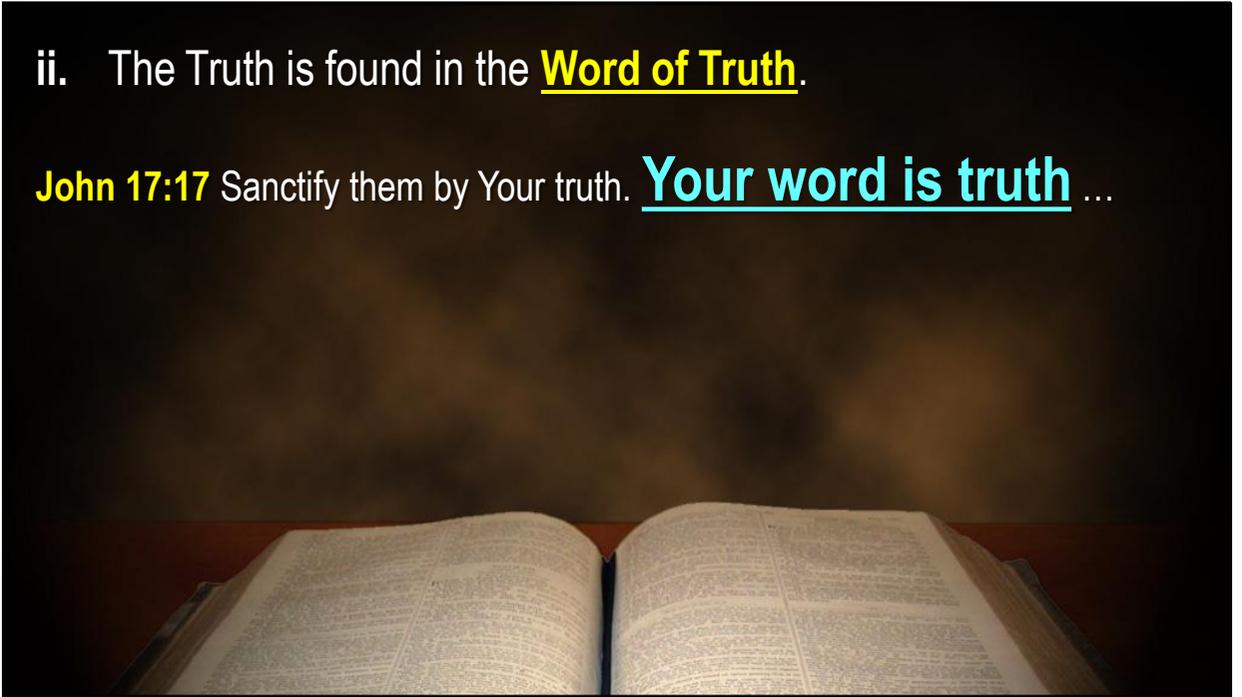
**John 15:1, 4-5**

"I am the true vine ... the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine ... Apart from Me, you can do nothing.



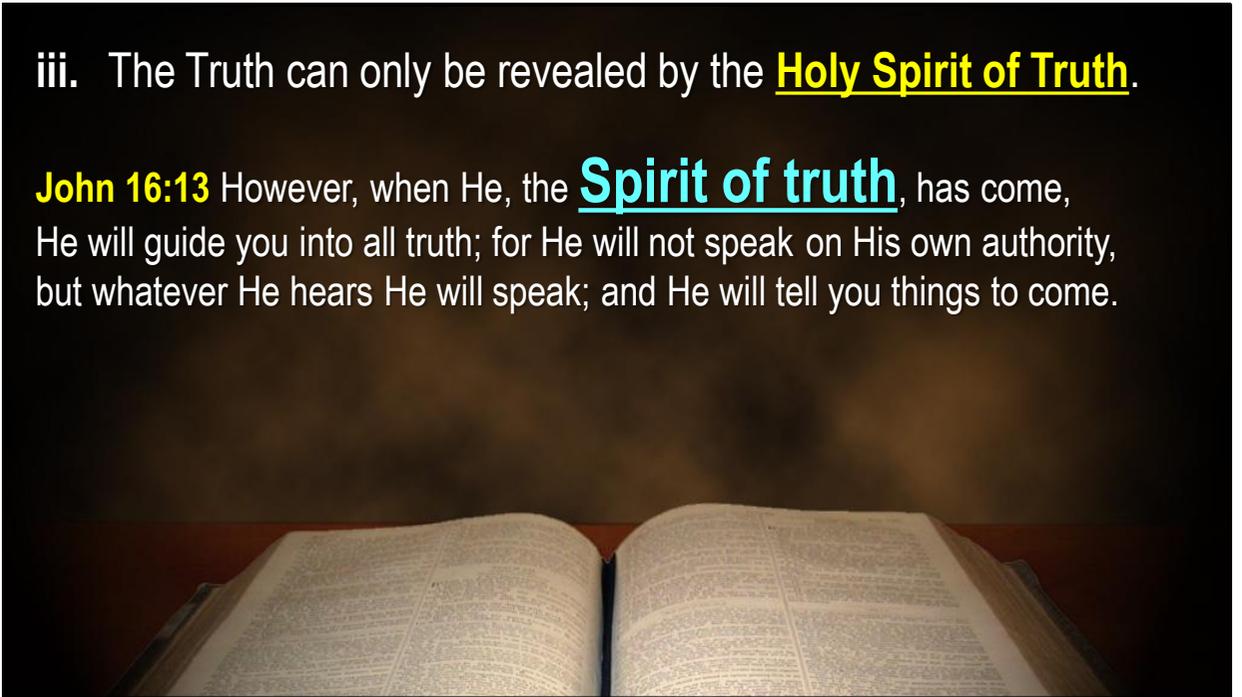
ii. The Truth is found in the Word of Truth.

**John 17:17** Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth ...



iii. The Truth can only be revealed by the Holy Spirit of Truth.

**John 16:13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.



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## B. How to establish Foundations of Truth

- i. Develop Biblical Worldviews of Truth.

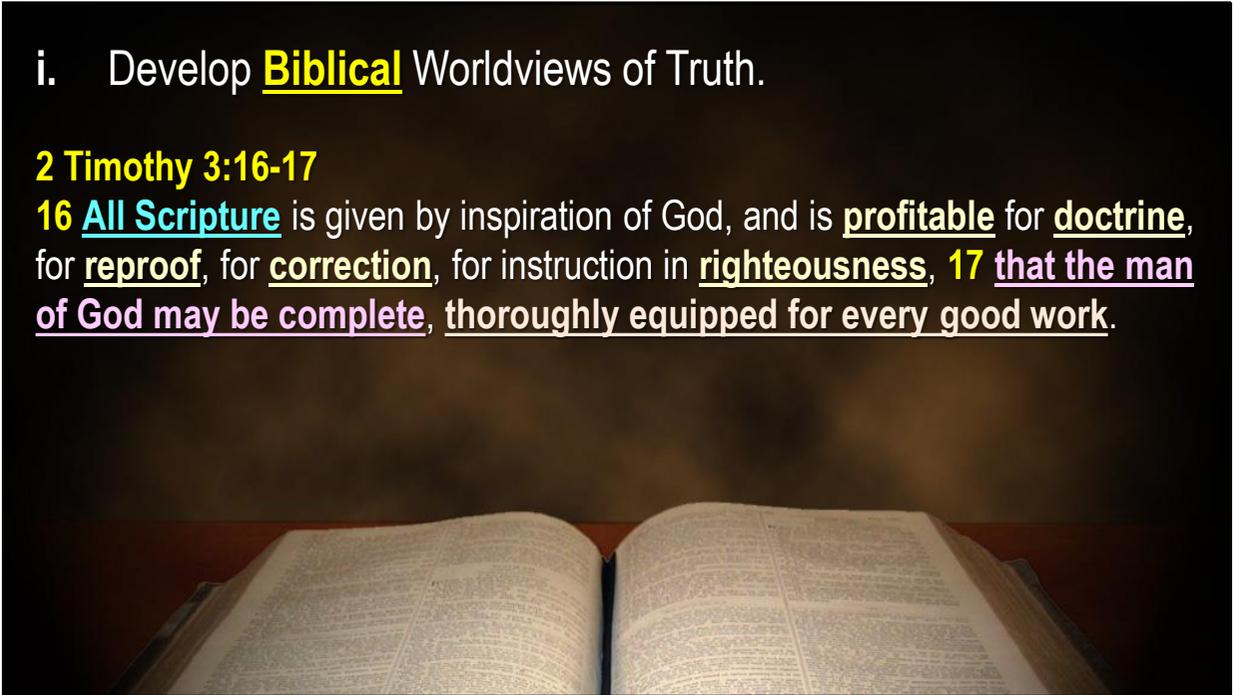
**Psalm 119:105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**Matthew 22:29** Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God."

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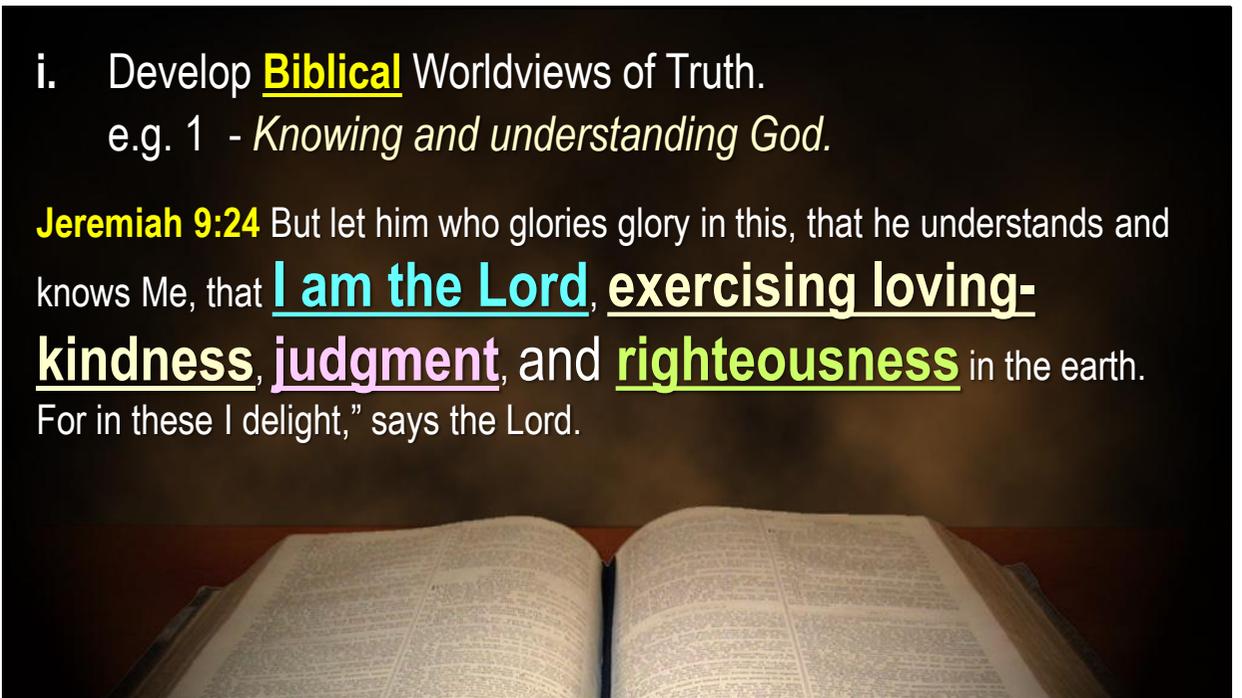
**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**16 All Scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is **profitable** for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for instruction in **righteousness**, **17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**



i. Develop **Biblical** Worldviews of Truth.  
e.g. 1 - *Knowing and understanding God.*

**Jeremiah 9:24** But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that **I am the Lord, exercising loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness** in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the Lord.

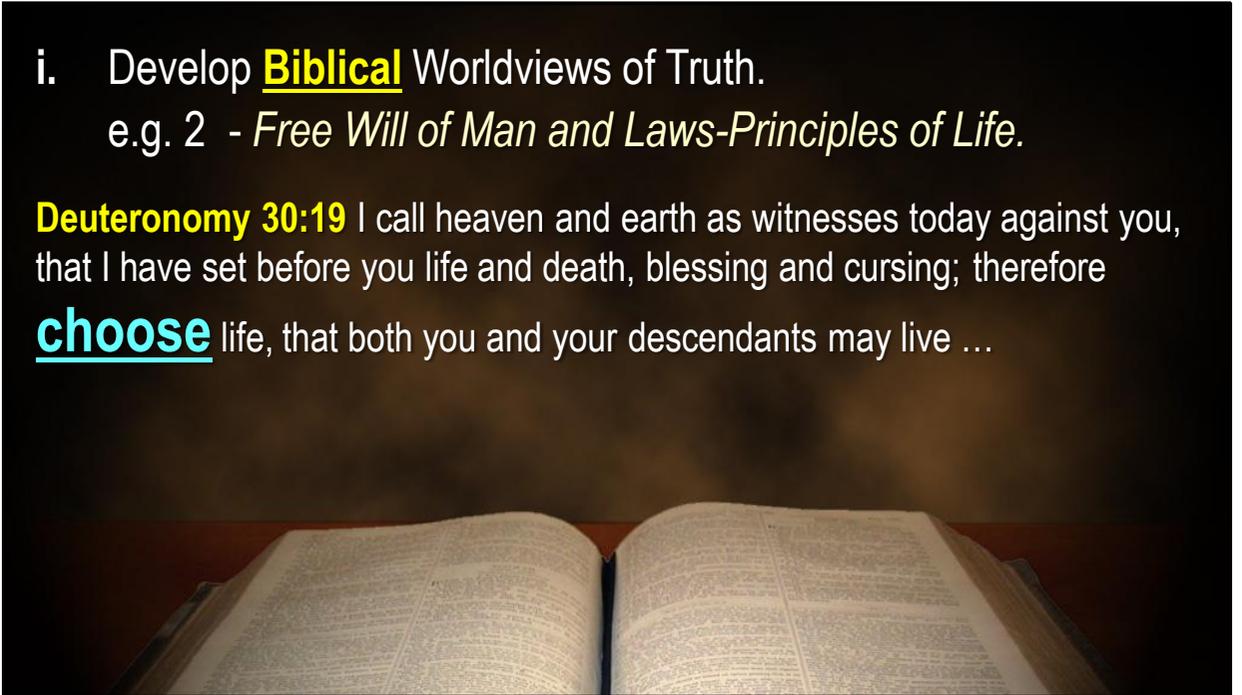


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e.g. 2 - *Free Will of Man and Laws-Principles of Life.*

**Deuteronomy 30:19** I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore

**choose** life, that both you and your descendants may live ...

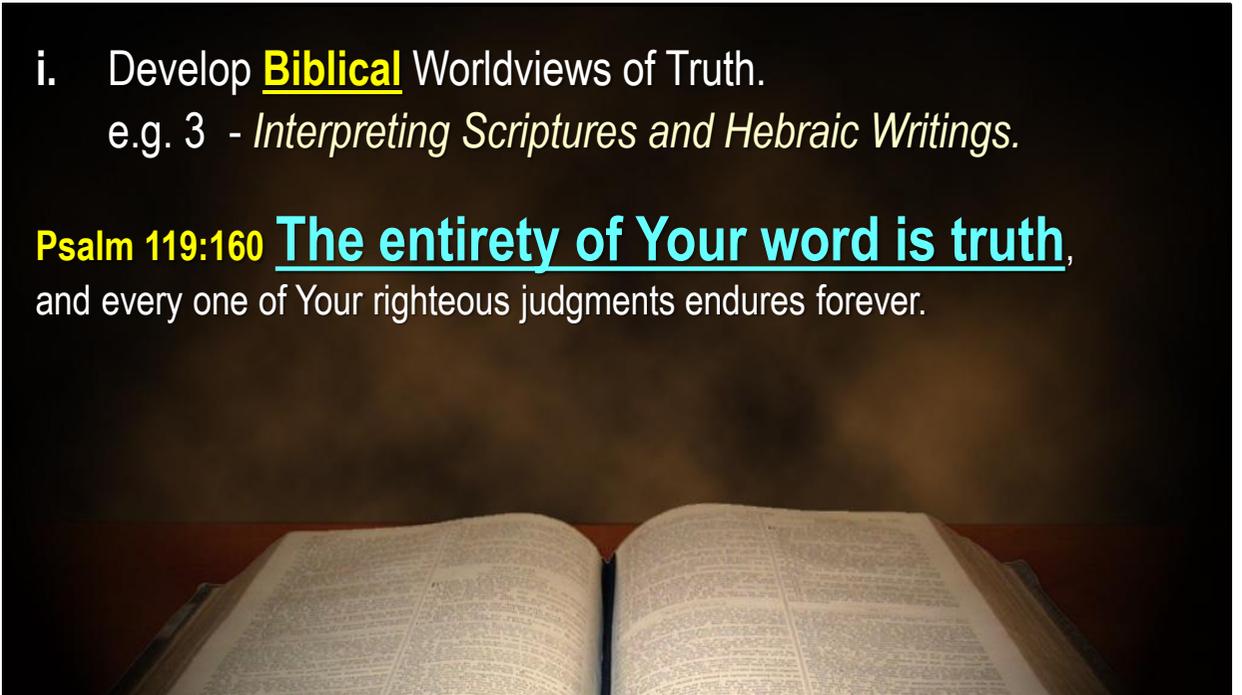


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e.g. 3 - *Interpreting Scriptures and Hebraic Writings.*

**Psalm 119:160** **The entirety of Your word is truth,**

and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.



ii. Live the Truth to build **Faith Convictions**.

**1 Peter 2:2-3**

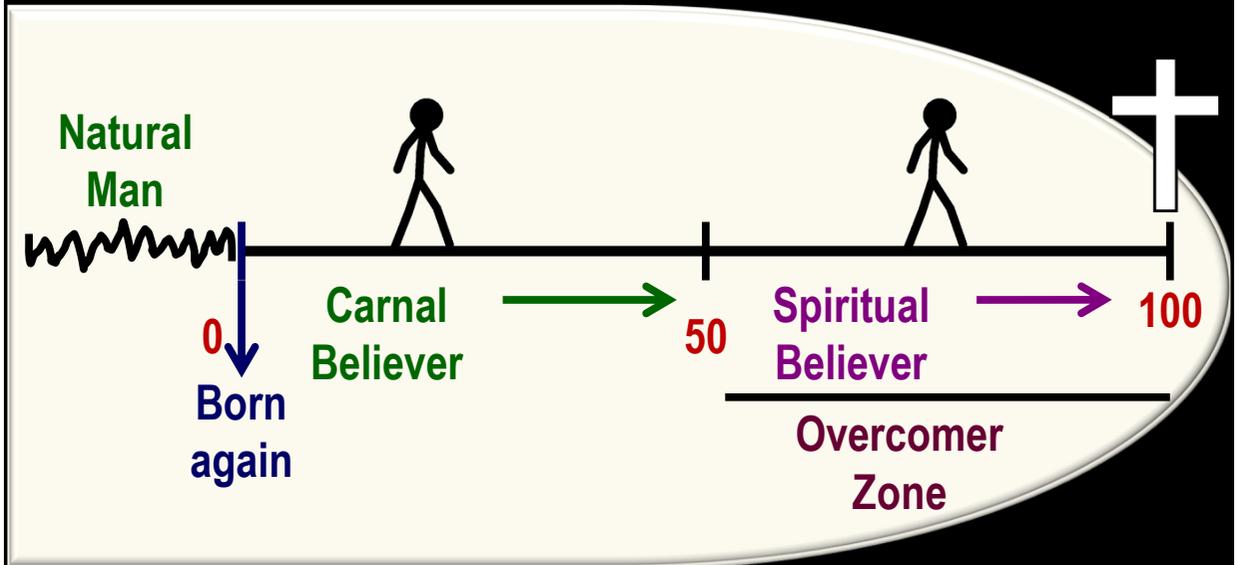
**2** as newborn babes, desire the **pure milk of the word**, that you may **grow thereby**, **3** if indeed you have **tasted - experienced that the Lord is gracious**.

When we continually **stand** on the Word and **experience** God coming through for us, we grow **Faith Convictions!**

Examples of **Faith Convictions**

- Sense of being deeply loved by God
- Can always come to God 24-7-365
- A Guilt-Free, No Condemnation  
r/s with God
- Nothing happens by chance
- Always protected
- Never suffer lack
- Etc.

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- (1) The **carnal** believer lives his life based on the **facts** of life.
- (2) The **spiritual** believer lives his life based on the **truth** of God's Word as revealed by the Spirit of **truth**.



**FACTS****LIVING IN TRUTH**

e.g. #1 Struggling with needs

Knowing and experiencing God as Provider

e.g. #2 Struggling in sickness

Knowing and experiencing God as Healer

e.g. #3 Concern with dangers to life

Knowing and experience God as Protector

e.g. #4 Experiencing Stress, Anxieties and Fears (SAF)

Knowing the Peace of God that guard and rule our hearts.

**FACTS****LIVING IN TRUTH**

e.g. #5 World says truth is relative

Truth only in God's Word

e.g. #6 Struggling to be accepted by friends in the world

Bible says the world will hate you & persecute you

e.g. #7 World says so long as you love, it's ok with any relationship

Bible says Marriage & sexual intimacy only between H & W

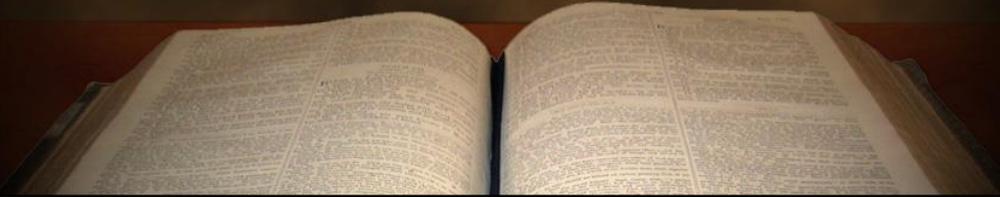
e.g. #8 World says your gender is not defined

Bible says you are made male or female.

Be fit and ready to battle:

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**Colossians 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.



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Overcome:

- i. **Evil One**
- ii. **The World**
- iii. **Self-Life**

This battle can only be won when we are filled with the **Word** of God.

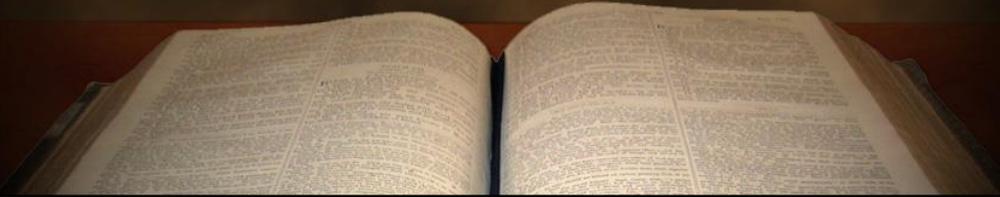


Be fit and ready to battle:

2. For the **Souls** of Men - Share the Full Gospel.

**Mark 16:15** And He said to them, "**Go** into all the world and **preach** the gospel to every creature.

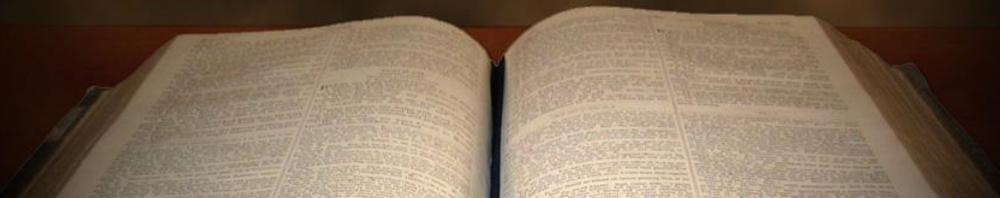
**John 16:33** **These things I have spoken to you**, that in Me you may have **peace**. In the world you will have tribulation; but **be of good cheer**, **I have overcome the world**."



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**John 10:10** The **thief** does not come except to **steal**, and to **kill**, and to **destroy**. I have come that they may have **life**, and that they may have it **more abundantly**.



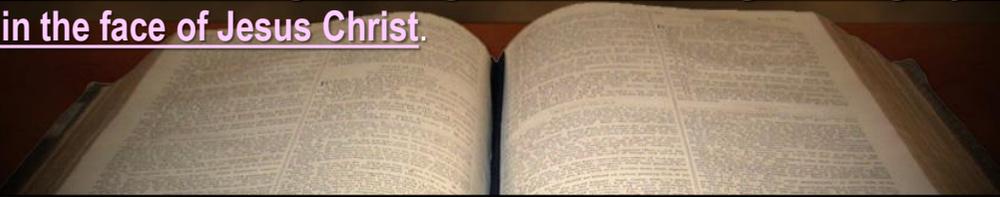
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**2 Corinthians 4:4, 6**

**4** whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

**6** For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.



Be fit and ready to battle:

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**2 Corinthians 5:14** For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died

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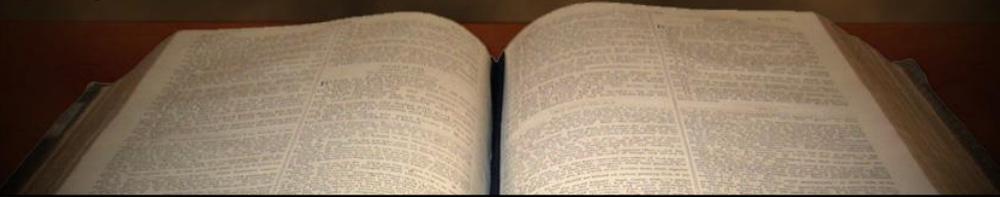
Be fit and ready to battle:

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**2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

**3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

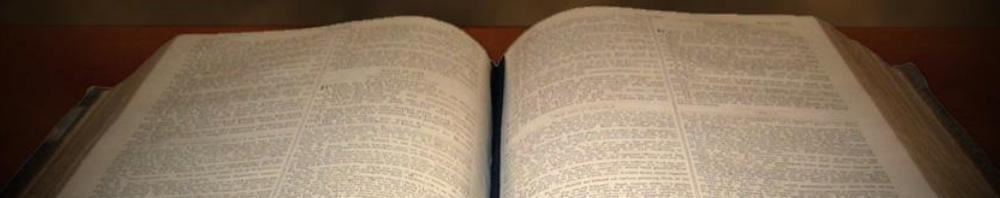
**4** For the **weapons of our warfare** are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down **strongholds**, **5** casting down **arguments** and **every high thing** that **exalts itself against the knowledge of God**, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ



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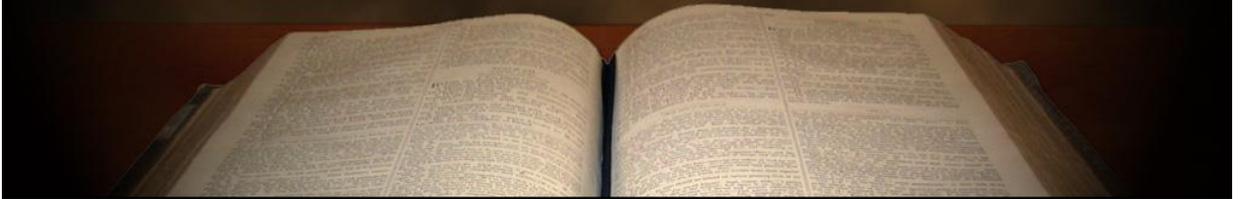
**Acts 26:18** to **open their eyes**, in order to **turn them from darkness to light**, and **from the power of Satan to God**, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.



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**Luke 4:18** The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to **preach the gospel to the poor**; He has sent Me to **heal the brokenhearted**, to **proclaim liberty to the captives** and **recovery of sight to the blind**, to **set at liberty those who are oppressed** ...



## 6 Keys to walk in Freedom and Victory

(6) **Walking it out daily** (Discipleship)

(2) **SOFC**  
(Inheritance)

(3) **UGB**  
(Identity)

(4) **SSH**  
(Intimacy)

(5) **DO**  
(Influence with  
Authority)

(1) **Forgiveness**

(A) Will (B) Be Healed (C) Release Judgment

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**James 4:6-7**

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

This battle can only be won when we are filled with the **Spirit** of God.

Video

Submit to God - Resist the Devil  
As Priest - As King

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Mission: To Share Christ As We Mature in Him!



End-Product Disciple

*Effective Priest & King*



Be fit and ready to battle:

4. In **your** public square as effective salt & light.

**Matthew 5:13-16**

**13** You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its **flavor**, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

**14** You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill **cannot be hidden**.

**15** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it **gives light** to all who are in the house.

**16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



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**Hebrews 1:9** You have **loved righteousness and hated lawlessness**; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

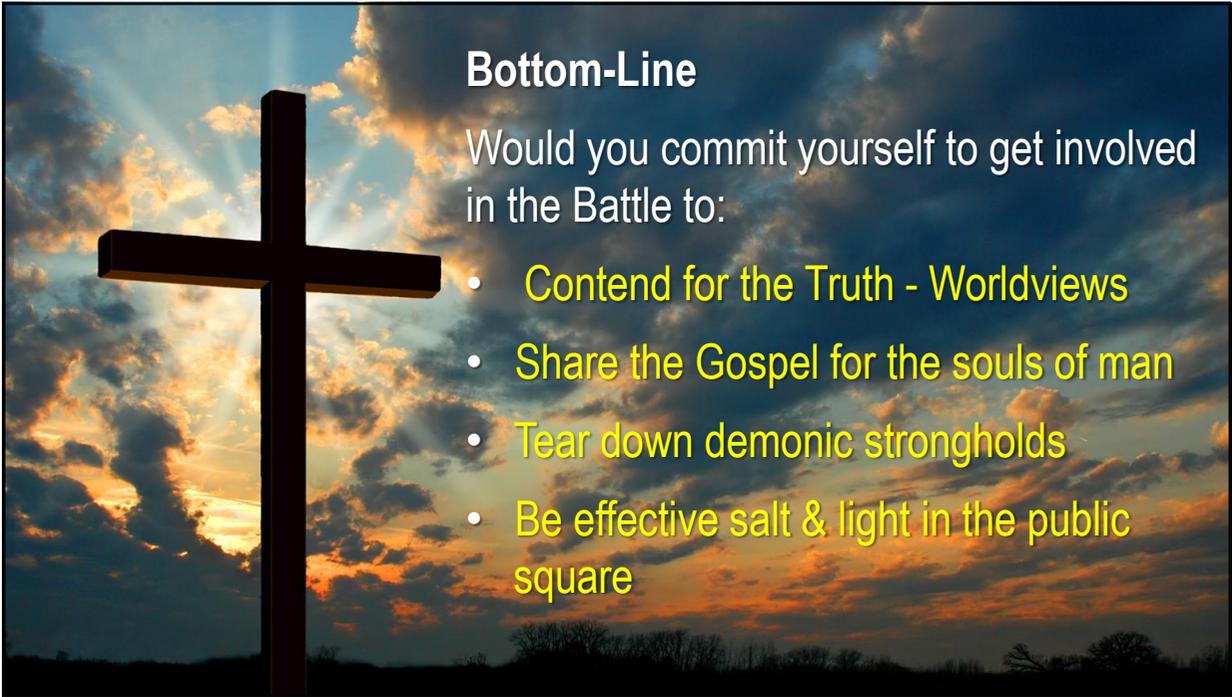


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**Proverbs 28:1** The wicked flee when no one pursues, but **the righteous are bold as a lion**.

This battle can only be won when we love **righteousness** and hate wickedness.



## Bottom-Line

Would you commit yourself to get involved in the Battle to:

- Contend for the Truth - Worldviews
- Share the Gospel for the souls of man
- Tear down demonic strongholds
- Be effective salt & light in the public square