

To W-I-N in 2010

1. Welcome the Battle: (Sense of Reason)

A. Identify the Enemy. Eph 6:10-13

Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

B. Pray for Battle Wisdom. James 1:2-7

2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

C. See the Temporal Value. Rom 5:1-5

Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

2. Inherit the Rewards: (Sense of Urgency)

A. Be prepared to produce at all times. 1 Cor 15:50-53

Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

B. Leave sin behind as a waste of time. Gal 5:19-21

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things

like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

C. Live your imputed righteousness. 1 Cor 6:9-11

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

D. Walk worthy of the Lord to please Him. Col 1:9-13

For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

E. Do your job heartily. Col 3:23-25

23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. 25 For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

F. Realize that Right Now Counts Forever. 1 Peter 1:3-6

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

G. Inherit the Blessing. 1 Peter 3:8-12

To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; 9 not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. 10 For, "Let him who means to love life and see good days Refrain his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile. 11 "And let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. 12 "For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, And His ears attend to their prayer, But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

3. Never Quit. (Sense of Resolve)

(One can always measure a man's devotion to the cause of Christ by his readiness to be called to responsibility, by his diligence in it, by the personal risks he runs through involvement in it, or by the ease with which he lays it down. Anonymous. A good archer is not known for the number or kind of arrows that he has but his aim. Thomas Fuller, English Pastor. **1 Cor 9:24-27** Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. 25 And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; 27 but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.)

A. Notice His Work. 1 Cor 10:13

(This will make it mentally easier. Have you seen Him at work lately?)
No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

B. Renew your faith for future rewards. Rev 2:26-28

(Overcomers don't just have an eternal deliverance but a temporal deliverance from spiritual failure.)
'And he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; 27 and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from My Father; 28 and I will give him the morning star. 29 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

C. Don't stop loving others. Rev 2:3-4

(This is the greatest impact in the church. Love will find a way. Indifference will make an excuse.)
and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. 4 'But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

D. Support one another. Heb 3:12-15

(Until you are sacrificial you are artificial.)
Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God. 13 **But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today,"** lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end; 15 while it is said, "Today if you hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me."

E. Be patient of God's fulfillment. Heb 6:9-12

(Patience is the marker of our trust of God's promises. It is waiting without worry. Patience strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, subdues the pride and bridles the tongue. A person without patience is like a car without brakes.)

But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, **and things that accompany salvation**, though we are speaking in this way. 10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

F. Get up when you fall for He is faithful. 2 Tim 2:10-13

(Your renewal, revival has been bought and paid for already.)

For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen (**called out-elect**), that they also **may obtain** the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory. 11 It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him; 12 If we endure, we shall also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; 13 **If we are faithless, He remains faithful**; for He cannot deny Himself.

G. Encourage one another. Heb 10:19-25

Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; 24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.

To Spiritually Lose:

Love Less.

Obey Less.

Sacrifice Less.

Exert Less.

Be a Warrior. Eph 6:12

Accept the Conditions. Php 4:12

Test the Spirits. 1 John 4:1-6

Transmit Truth. Eph 4:25

Love the Unlovable. 1 John 4:19

Expect Good to Come. Rom 8:28-29

Christ Himself leads us to victory. 2 Cor 2:14-17

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. 15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; 16 to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things? 17 For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.

If there were no enemies, there would be no battles; if no battles, no victory; if no victory, no crown.