

LEARNING TO FIGHT GOOD FIGHTS

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When we became Christians and first believed in Jesus, we began a journey of faith. We committed to becoming disciples of Jesus, following His commands and trusting Him, not only in the easy moments but also through life's hardships and uncertainties.

The apostle Paul, in his instructions to Timothy, encourages him to "fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12). Those words remind us that the Christian life is not a playground—it's a battleground. There will be days of joy and days of struggle. There will be victories, failures, tears, and triumphs.

Sometimes faith looks less like standing on a mountaintop and more like simply refusing to let go of Christ in the middle of the storm.

But our fight is never against people. As Paul reminds us, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers... against the spiritual forces of evil" (Ephesians 6:12). We are fighting against our own sinful nature, the temptations of this world, and the schemes of the enemy.

Every day is an opportunity to choose Christ over self, truth over compromise, and obedience over convenience.

Fighting often looks like making the right decision even when it's the hardest one. It means forgiving when you've been wounded, speaking truth with grace when silence would be easier, showing kindness when you're treated unfairly, and loving when selfishness feels more natural.

The strongest Christians are often not those who make the most noise, but those who quietly and faithfully keep walking with Jesus.

Jesus Himself said, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow Me" (Luke 9:23). That daily surrender is part of the good fight. Every morning we have the opportunity to lay down our will and take hold of His.

Fighting well means remaining faithful to Jesus over the course of your life. It isn't about finishing first—it's about finishing faithful.

Near the end of his life Paul could confidently say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). What a testimony for every believer to desire. So how do you remain faithful? One of the greatest ways is by spending time in God's Word every day. Scripture renews our minds, strengthens our faith, and equips us for every battle (2 Timothy 3:16-17). As you regularly meet with the Lord, your heart begins to love what He loves and turn away from what grieves Him. As Psalm 119:105 reminds us, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Prayer is just as essential. We were never intended to fight in our own strength. Isaiah 40:31 promises that "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." When we grow weary, His strength is made perfect in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

God also never intended for us to walk alone. Surround yourself with faithful brothers and sisters who will encourage you, pray for you, correct you when necessary, and remind you of God's promises.

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24-25).
Accountability isn't a burden—it's a blessing.

Finally, never forget the outcome of the battle.

The victory has already been secured through Jesus Christ. We don't fight for victory—we fight from victory. Christ has overcome sin, death, and the grave, and because we belong to Him, nothing can separate us from His love (Romans 8:37-39).

As you consider the next steps you need to take to fight well, remember this: you never fight alone. The Holy Spirit dwells within you. God goes before you, walks beside you, and holds you when you are weak. So put on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18), keep your eyes fixed on Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-2), and don't give up.

One day, by His grace, every faithful believer will hear the words we long for: "Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:23)

Fight the good fight—not with anger, pride, or fear, but with faith, love, humility, and perseverance. The battle is real, but so is our Savior, and He has never lost one yet.

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