

OUTLINE: IN IT TO WIN IT: A Fight to the Finish

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According to George Barna research, the average born-again, evangelical Christian reads his or her Bible 52 minutes per week.

- *Fifty-two minutes divided by the 7 days of the week comes out to 7:40 seconds per day.*
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- *There are 1440 minutes per day. So, for arguments sake, let's say that each of us sleeps 8 hours per day. That knocks down the waking minutes of our day to 960.*
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- *So, when we figure that we spend on average 7:40 seconds out of 960 waking minutes that means that we are spending .007% of our waking hours with God. That's less than 1% our time!*

“This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.”

Ephesians 6:12 (MSG)

Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce, and would like nothing better than to catch you napping. Keep your guard up. 1 Peter 5:8 (MSG)

In Ephesians 6:17 (NIV)

“take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...”

JESUS The MODEL... Matthew 4:1-11.

JABBING WITH THE WORD OF GOD NEVER FAILS!

"I don't think the way you think. The way you work isn't the way I work." God's Decree. "For as the sky soars high above earth, so the way I work surpasses the way you work, and the way I think is beyond the way you think. Just as rain and snow descend from the skies and don't go back until they've watered the earth, Doing their work of making things grow and blossom, producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry, so will the words that come out of my mouth not come back empty-handed. They'll do the work I sent them to do, they'll complete the assignment I gave them." Isaiah 55:8-11 (MSG)

JABS OF THE WORD OF GOD ARE POWERED BY GOD!

"God means what he says. What he says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey. Nothing and no one is impervious to God's Word." Hebrews 4:12-13 (MSG)

JABS OF THE WORD OF GOD HAS AUTHORITY OVER SATAN!

"There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (MSG)