

# Battle Ready

## The Christian Life

### Ephesians 6:10-18

*The Christian life is NO Picnic, in fact it is a DAILY Battle.*

*The Enemy's TARGET is the CHRISTIAN...(Ephesians 6:12)*

*We face an External Enemy – The WORLD. (1 John 2:15)*

*We face an Internal Enemy – The FLESH (Old Sin Nature) (Galatians 5:17)*

*We face a Dreadful Enemy – the DEVIL. (1 Peter 5:8)*

*HOW can we FIGHT our Enemies & WIN the Battle for a Victorious Christian Life?*

#### **1. WE DON'T FIGHT FOR VICTORY, BUT FROM VICTORY! (1 John 5:4)**

- The Prize is WAITING for you AT THE FINISH LINE...
- Joshua didn't "WIN" Victories, but "CLAIMED" Pre-Guaranteed Victories by Obeying & Following God.
- FAITH Overcomes the WORLD...
- CONFESSION & REPENTANCE Overcomes the FLESH...
- TRUSTING GOD'S WORD Overcomes SATAN'S Deceptions...
- The UNGUARDED Area is where an Enemy will ATTACK. (James 4:7, 1 John 4:4, Eph. 6:11)

#### **2. REALLY, WHO IS OUR ENEMY?**

- Your primary Enemy USES the WORLD & FLESH Tempt you to sin against God.
- As we Study OUR enemy, we must Avoid 2 common Mistakes:
  1. Don't MAXIMIZE his Influence.
    - Much of Our Sin is our OWN Sinful Desire.
    - He is only a CREATED BEING. (Ezekiel 28:12b-17a)
  2. Don't MINIMIZE his Influence.
    - He is a CORRUPTED BEING. (Ezekiel 28:15, 17, Isaiah 14:12-15)
    - He is a CONDEMNED BEING. (Ezekiel 28:16, Isaiah 14:15)
    - Satan Knows his Days are Numbered & his Time is Short.
- Has Personal PRIDE ever Prevented YOU from Humbling yourself & therefore, Kept You from Receiving God's Grace? (James 4:6,10)

