

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

1 Timothy 6:12

Paul is saying here your will faith will encounter some fights! Your faith determines how you choose to fight. Paul is trying to encourage Timothy to expect resistance to his faith, but fight a good fight in your faith.

You see to fight a good fight of faith requires 6 important weapons:

1. An attitude of repentance with humility every day.
2. Proactive confidence in God's grace with patience that God's power is on the way
3. A proactive attitude of worship while under attack. This releases God's power to fight on your behalf
4. Speaking the covenant Word of God while under attack
5. Releasing intercessory prayer tongues
6. Making yourself vulnerable by serving the Kingdom business while under attack.

These six weapons show us how to fight the good fight of faith.

The fight of faith is over:

1. The victory of God's Word through your daily living
2. Our families
3. Our finances, our jobs, and our school
4. Winning new souls
5. Over healing and deliverance in your body
6. Over growing the Kingdom Community Culture and becoming more vested in the local church

This issue is important today because the devil is after your faith. Your faith determines how you choose to react when you are sick, hurt, or discouraged.

Hebrews 10:35-39 (AMP) says, 'Do not fling away your fearless confidence, for it carries a great, glorious compensation.'

This is how we fight the food fight of faith.

- Because your faith brings pleasure to God. And without faith, it is completely impossible to please God.
1. We said earlier the good fight of faith requires an attitude of repentance with daily humility
 - 2 Corinthians 7:9-11 AMP
 - So, when we are fighting the good fight of faith we get injured, we make mistakes, or we can make poor choices that weaken our confidence to have faith.
 - Working at WTIX, a witch wanted me fired. She was a practicing witch and did not like Christians [but I was never fired].
 - Repentance releases God's power to do what we cannot do. God is attracted to humility to defend and fight for you.
 - Repentance activates the blood of Jesus in a situation. This is fighting the good fight of faith
 - Repentance removes hurts and offense in us so our faith can believe God's Word in our fighting. This is where we practice Psalm 147:3-4.
 2. Proactive Confidence in God's grace with patience that God's power is on the way
 - Psalm 55:12-14
 - David is referring to a man named Ahithophel, a prophet whom David hurt. Ahithophel was David's in-law on his wife Bathsheba's side of the family.
 - Ahithophel was Bathsheba's grandfather.

- David conspired to kill Ahithophel's son-in-law Uriah the Hittite.
 - • David brings judgment on Ahithophel's grandson and the child dies.
 - • So, in 2 Samuel 15:13, Ahithophel consents and gives prophetic counsel to Absalom to kill David.
 - • In 2 Samuel 15:30, David and his people are weeping going to the Mount of Olives. David is barefoot and his head is covered in sackcloth and ashes.
 - • Look what the power of grace did for David in relational conflict in 2 Samuel 17:21-23
 - • This is an amazing story because Ahithophel appeared to have every right to hold a grudge with David.
 - • Yet God releases grace towards David, the guilty party, for past relationship actions.
 - • This is how we fight the good fight of faith.
 - • God's power is on the way. Only God can fix our relational struggles
 - • Read Psalm 103:1-13
3. A proactive attitude of worship while under attack. This releases God's power to fight on my behalf. Read 2 Sam. 15:32 – in his weeping struggle he found a place of worshipping his covenant keeping God. This is how we fight the good fight of faith.
- Your worship attracts God's grace into your relational struggles. So, you don't become offended with God's process in your life.
 - Ahithophel never allowed God to deal with his resentment toward David. Yet God gave the power of grace to David.
4. The fourth weapon in fighting the good fight of faith is God's Word. Read 2 Samuel 15:31
- David speaks prophetic word as he fights the good fight of faith. He didn't lay down in his pitiful state of defeat. And God honored David's words.
 - Paul rebukes a damsel in Acts 16:17 after she is mocking him and following him. Read Acts 16:16-18.
This is fighting the good fight of faith.
5. The fifth weapon to fight the good fight of faith is releasing intercessory tongues. Jude 20 says building up your most holy faith praying in the Holy Ghost. This is why we pray. Read Romans 8:26. The devil hates when we do this. He wants you to believe this is useless. God isn't healing you. Read Galatians 6:9.
- This is where we go after the imaginations of the mind. Where our biggest war comes from.
 - Sigmund Freud said the imagination is the biggest energy in the universe. Read 2 Corinthians 10:4-6. This is where peace and strength come from.
 - This is where God gives us assurance.
 - This is how we fight the good fight of faith.
6. The last weapon for fighting the good fight of faith is serving the local church Kingdom while you hurt or suffer losses.
- It's in my vulnerable submission that God honors our faith to release power on our behalf. Read 1 John 5:4. Practice your faith with vulnerable servanthood while under attack. This is how we fight the good fight of faith.
1. Serving vulnerably in the local church when you are under attack.
 2. Releasing intercessory prayer tongues.
 3. Speaking God's covenant Word while under attack.
 4. Practicing proactive worship while under attack.

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5. Practicing an attitude of confidence in God's grace because the power is on its way.
6. Practicing a daily attitude of repentance with humility.

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