

WINNING THE WAR

1 Timothy 1:18; 6:12

INTRODUCTION

- A. Our texts: 1 Timothy 1:8; 6:12; EP 6:11-18; 2 TI 2:3; 4:7.
- B. Why Iraq lost the war.
 - 1. Did not count the cost.
 - 2. Did not anticipate who will enter the battle.
 - 3. Underestimated their opponent's ability.
 - 4. Did not prepare for a real battle.
 - 5. Did not heed the warnings.
 - 6. No real offensive strategy.
 - 7. Entangled in worldly affairs.

DISCUSSION

- I. WHY MANY LOSE THEIR SPIRITUAL BATTLE.
 - A. Note the likeness of the above.
 - 1. Do not count the cost. LK 14:31.
 - 2. Do not anticipate who will enter the battle. MT 10:36.
 - 3. Underestimate opponent's ability. 1 PE 5:8; EP 6:10.
 - 4. Do not prepare for a real battle. 2 TI 2:15.
 - 5. Do not heed the warnings. MT 7:24-27; LK 12:15.
 - 6. No real offensive strategy. 1 CO 15:58; HE 6:11-12.
 - 7. Become entangled in worldly affairs. 2 TI 2:4; LK 9:59.
 - B. Satan's P.O.W. Camp. 2 PE 2:19-20.
- II. LET US LOOK CLOSER TO SOME OF THE ABOVE.
 - A. Do not prepare for a real battle. 2 TI 2:15.
 - 1. Must be well prepared. God has provided. EP 6:11-18.
 - 2. Must be well prepared. Exercise, Train, Practice, Use. 1 TI 4:7; HE 5:12-14.
 - 3. Must be well prepared. Strength, Courage, and Faith. JO 1:7; TS 1:9-11.
 - 4. Must be well prepared. Truth must be held onto, defended. Jude 3-4; PH 1:17; 1 PE 3:15.
 - B. Do not heed the warnings. MT 7:24-27; LK 12:15.
 - 1. Must heed the warnings! MK 13:5; MT 6:1; 18:10; MK 8:15; 13:33; LK 12:15; 21:34.
 - 2. Cleared Path Safety.
 - 3. Path of Safety. MT 7:13-14.
 - 4. Warnings must be given. 2 TI 4:3; TS 1:9; HE 13:7; EP 6:4; GA 6:1.
 - 5. Must have a united army. MT 12:25; EP 4:1-3; CO 3:12-15.
 - 6. How to stay united. MT 5:23-25; 18:15-17; TS 3:10.
 - 7. Peace, but not peace at any price. HE 12:14; RO 12:18; JA 3:17.
 - 8. Sometimes a fight is necessary. Jude 3; 1 CO 11:19.
 - 9. No fellowship to those who are not in fellowship with God. 2 JN 9-11; RO 16:17; EP 5:11; 1 JN 1:5-7.
 - 10. 1 JN 1:7; CO 3:17.
 - 11. Is it in the doctrine of Christ? 2 JN 9-11?

CONCLUSION – Be zealous for God's cause! RE 3:15.