

“No Man That Warreth Entangleth Himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.” 2 Timothy 2:4 KJV

Would you relax or sleep if you were alone in lion territory? *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, AS A ROARING LION, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist STEDFAST IN THE FAITH.”* What should be on the mind of a soldier on guard duty? The enemy and only the enemy! A weapon is useless in the hands of a sleeping soldier! The first and best line of defense is the ability to think clearly and decisively when attacked! Natural instinct is to fight or flee. Intense training conditions the mind to react properly when attacked. Believers are instructed, *“WATCH ye,*



STAND FAST in the faith, QUIT YOU LIKE MEN (not as children), BE STRONG.” Believers are not GOING to war: we are AT war! We are to HOLD the high ground of Truth and Righteousness; to keep the Gospel Light burning bright in the darkness, so those who would repent of evil have a beacon; the Truth of Salvation! *“STAND FAST therefore in the Liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and BE NOT ENTANGLED AGAIN with the yoke of bondage.”* Satan is always on the offensive; especially now, as his time is short! Did you ever play “Flinch,” where you tried to make a friend blink or start with a sudden movement? A focused mind does not flinch at sudden danger, but purposely defends! Unflinchingly hold fast to Truth in spite of any instinct to the contrary. The best weapon an enemy has is the demoralization of troops with false propaganda. During World War II, the Japanese broadcast American music to lure their listeners with the soft sultry voice of “Tokyo Rose,” who spewed false battlefield information to undermine the moral of American soldiers. Satan does the same thing by using our flesh and the world to demoralize our faith. *“There is a way that seemeth right UNTO A MAN, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”* It doesn’t matter what seems so; what matters is, “Will I trust God’s Word in spite of circumstances?” Whether I understand HOW God will accomplish His Promises should have no bearing on whether or not I trust He will DO them!

If I stand fast in Perfect Love,
There’s naught on earth can my heart move,
For Love of God can ne’er be shorn,
From those by Holy Spirit born! –CGP

To disobey God’s Word is to deny Christ. To entangle myself in worldly affairs is defecting to the enemy. Being afraid is natural, but: *“There is no fear in Love; but Perfect Love casteth out fear. He that feareth is not made perfect in Love.”* Stress is fear. If I trust God totally, I’ll fear no loss; I’ll remain at liberty and protected! *“Great Peace have they which love Thy Law and NOTHING shall offend them!”* What is your purpose? Motivation? Is it Love of God? We are at war, because the enemy has not yet acknowledged defeat, but God won before He started!

“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with Joy unspeakable and full of Glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the Salvation of your souls.” 1 Peter 1:7-9 KJV