

## #6 Principles Necessary To Enter Into Spiritual Warfare

1 Tim 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; (God wants you and I to war a good warfare. So if we are going to come in line with his principles that are necessary for successful spiritual warfare, you and I are first of all have to make the decision that we are going to get into the warfare. We cannot be sitting on the sidelines. We need to be warring a good warfare, and enter into the fight. God has always had a problem with people entering into warfare)

Ex 13:17 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, (Change their mind) and they return to Egypt: (Why? Because they never wanted to get in war, they did not want to fight. We see the same problem that went on even after they had come into, and had been established in the Old Covenant was enforced, they still did not want to fight even though they were involved in doing warfare against the Ites that God had brought them against. In fact in 1 Samuel 8:20 this is what the Israelites said to Samuel, and the same to the Lord)

1Sam 8:20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. (They wanted a king, they did not want a prophet ruling over them anymore. They wanted a king because the king would go out, and fight their battles. They were lazy they did not want to engage in the warfare)

Psa 78:8-10 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God. (They were stubborn, they were rebellious, they would not do what God wanted them to do) 9. The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle. (Instead of going forth they turned back, they did not want to fight the fight) 10. They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; (God has had problems with people all along entering into the warfare, and it had not changed. We still see the same problem in the body of Christ today. Christians do not want to arise, and engage in spiritual war which takes a lot of work to release the power of God, and to destroy the enemies in their life, they also have to walk holy, they have to walk in line with the word, they have to come out of the ways of the word, and be separate from the things that would contaminate them, and they are going to have to walk in line with God's ways. Well, God is calling us to war in this day, and age. Not only do we see what is going on when you think about it in your own life, you want to get free from the problems in your life, spiritual warfare is what you are going to enter into, and you will conquer the enemies, you will conquer the devil, and God will set you free from the bondages if you do what he says)

Num 10:9 And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. (Notice what the condition was, if you go to war. You have to get up, and decide I am going to fight the spiritual war, I am going to go to spiritual war, I am going to enter into that battle. If you do that then God is going to take notice of you, and you from your enemies. So certainly an important principle is we have to make the decision, I am going to go into the spiritual war that God has for me. Now in Numbers 13:26 here is the 12 spies that had went in to search out the land that God had promised them, the promised land, and then they were to go possess it)

Num 13:26-33 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land. (So this was the land) 27. And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. 28. Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. (So notice what they said) the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, (What were they doing? Their focus was upon the enemy, their focus was upon all the negatives) and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. (They saw a great amount of enemies) 29. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan. 30. And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. (Now what was Caleb's attitude? He was not focused upon the enemy, he was not focused on all these enemies, and how strong they were or what the situation was, instead he was focused on the Lord, and what the Lord said. God said) Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. (Looking at what God would accomplish for them) 31. But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. (Again where were their focus? On the enemies) 32. And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. (Again they focused upon the enemy) 33. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight. (Again where is their focus? On the enemy, and also on themselves. They saw themselves as grasshoppers, they even were convinced that the enemy saw them as grasshoppers. That is a great mistake. You will never be successful in spiritual warfare if you have your eyes on the enemy, and you have your eyes on yourself. Instead what do you need to do? Have your eyes on the Lord. You get your eyes on the Lord, and you get your eyes on the word of God, and what God promised you are going to be able to go forth because you will be empowered through his word, you will be encourage through his word, and you will realize that God is going to fight

your spiritual battles, and you are going to triumph over them. Another important point, you cannot have your eyes on the enemy, and you cannot have your eyes on yourself. Instead you must have your eyes upon the Lord, and know what he will do. In Numbers 14:7 the majority of the 10 gave an evil report)

Num 14:7-10 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. 8. If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. (Otherwise, he will bring us into this land, this is a good land) 9. Only rebel not ye against the LORD, (They are trying to convince all the people do not rebel against the Lord) neither fear ye the people of the land; (That tells you some other things, We cannot rebel against God, whatever God says we need to do it. He says get involved in spiritual warfare, fight the good fight of faith, and war a good warfare we need to be obedient, and do it) neither fear ye the people of the land; (We cannot be afraid of the enemy. You do not have to be afraid of the devil, God has given you authority over all the power of the enemy) for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: (In reality their defense has departed from them. Do they have any weapons to fight against? No, that is why they have to use deception, they try to get you in fear, they try to get you in unbelief, they try to get you in doubt, they try to do anything to get you off the word of God, and who is with us? The Lord is with us. What do we see from this? You cannot rebel, we cannot be in fear, instead we need to be obedient to what God says) their defence is departed from them, (From all the evil spirits, satan has been stripped of his ruler ship, and remember Jesus took back the keys of hell, and death, and he took back the authorities, all the authority in heaven, and earth, and has been given unto me, and the Lord is with us. What was their response) fear them not. 10. But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. (They did not want to receive the word, they wanted to stone them) And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel. (They wanted to stone them, that was the wrong response. Again we want to be sure we keep our eyes on the Lord, do not be afraid, God will give you the victory. We see over in Romans 8 even in the New Testament we have to realize if God is for us, who can be successfully against us?)

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? (Who is God for? He is for all those who are born again, and right with him, and looking unto him. Looking to him to perform the promises of God in their life. Who could successfully be against you? No enemy will be successfully against you if God is for you. Well, we see of course they did not obey, they wanted to stone them, and we go back over to Numbers 14. I tell you if we will not do what God says we are going to let the enemies come in, and bring destruction)

Num 14:22-24 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; (I mean they had seen God do great things. Have you seen God do things in your

life? You ought to have absolute confidence in what he will do for you) 23. Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: (They are not going to see it he says) 24. But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. (What does that show you? Those that fully follow the Lord they are going to enter in, and they are going to possess the land, and they are going to see the victory. Those that do not follow the Lord, those that rebel against him, they are going to die out, and they are not going to see the victory. That is why if you will follow the Lord he will give you the victory in your life)

Josh 5:6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: (Now they would not go in, and obey the Lord which is what? Go in, and fight the fight against these enemies, and go in, and possess the land. Notice, forty years they were in the wilderness, forty is the number of testing, they failed the test. But notice about these people it says) all the people that were men of war, (It means that they were trained up in the ways of the Lord. You know there are many Christians that have been trained in the ways of warfare, they have learned their weapons, and they have learned how to fight spiritual warfare, but they are still being consumed. Why? Because they are not obeying the Lord, and entering into it, they are not doing spiritual warfare. It is one thing to be taught, and trained up in something but if you do not continue in doing the warfare against the enemies you are going to end up being consumed. Don't say Well, I did a little bit of that warfare once in a while here, and there. No, that is not going to get it done. Spiritual warfare is something you are going to continue as you will see, and that is going to be an important principle if you are ever going to be successful in your life. And what happened? All these guys that came out of Egypt, and Egypt is a type of the world which is all referring to a type of people that are born again that came out of the world. What Happened?) were consumed, (They got consumed. Why?) because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: (We have to obey the Lord we have to do what he says, if not you are going to be devoured anyway, you are going to be devoured by the enemy if you do not obey the Lord, and get in spiritual warfare, and wipe out the enemies out of your life. In Numbers 21: They finally changed their mind, and decided that they would get in line)

Num 21:1-3 And when king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then he fought against Israel, and took some of them prisoners. (Well, now they are being taken captive, they begin to see if we do not do something here the enemies are going to destroy us, we have to obey God) 2. And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities. (Here they decided they were going to change their mind) If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, (Well, have the evil spirits been delivered into our hands? Yes, because God has given us authority over all the power of the enemy, therefore you and I can destroy all

the enemies in our life) 3. And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hormah. (They began to be obedient, they started doing the things that God told them to do, and as they went forth they began to do it they smite the enemies, and instead of them getting beat up they began to gain victory)

Num 21:33-35 And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei. 34. And the LORD said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon. (So what he is saying here do not be afraid of this enemy) I have delivered him into thy hand, (Do the same thing to this guy here that) thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, (Before. What does that tell you? If God has given you one victory in your life he will give you victory over all of your enemies because the same principles that worked to drive out one enemy will work to drive out all of the enemies in your life. And what did they do? They obeyed) 35. So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land. (That shows you the fact that you are going to have to get into the warfare. and you are going to have to smite all these enemies, and know that God will smite every enemy. I do not care what situation you are dealing with, you can conquer the enemies in your life. Notice, they continued to smite them) until there was none left him alive: (That meant they drove all of the enemies out. In like manner you and I have to get into the warfare, and drive all the evil spirits out of every area of our life. Numbers 32:6 You know some of them went into the battle but there were others ones that were lazy, and we do not want to be one of the lazy ones)

Num 32:6-7 And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here? (These were not obedient. Some were obedient but these guys were just wanting to sit there, and let their brethren go to war, and they were not wanting to enter in) 7. And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them? (God wants every one of us to participate in spiritual war, it is every man's, and woman's spiritual action that you and I are to take in obedience to God to come against all of these enemies. Well, the obeyed, finally decided they were going to get up, and start doing what they were supposed to do)

Num 32:17 But we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land. (Notice they had to get armed, and they said we are going to go. How long are they going to do it?) until we have brought them unto their place: (That means you are going to fight the spiritual warfare until you come into your place of possessing the promised land or whoever you are ministering to into the place of seeing them possess the promises of God in their life)

Num 32:20-23 And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the LORD to war, (You and I are engaging remember in spiritual war against satan, and all the evil spirits, you get armed with the armor of God on through the word in you, and you take the weapons of warfare, and you are going to go forth, he said) 21. And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the LORD, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him, 22. And the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD. (Notice) guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel; (That means if they did not do it they were guilty before God, and they were actually guilty before all of Israel. This means from God's perspective, if you will not arise, and get involved in spiritual warfare, and go and drive out the enemies, you will be guilty before God, and also be guilty before the church because spiritual Israel is the church in this day, and age. See God needs everybody to participate, he needs every one of us to arise, and begin to use our weapons of warfare, and enter into the fight) 23. But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out. (No, we have to arise, we have to decide we are going to enter into the spiritual warfare, and we are not going to sin instead we are going to be coming against these enemies, we are going to be passing the test, we are not going to be guilty, we are going to be guiltless, and we are going to possess our promises)

Deu 1:21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, (The word "Possess" by the way means "To seize control of it" if you look it up in Strong's it means "To occupy by driving out previous inhabitants. You and I are going to occupy the promises of God, and possess them in our life which is what the physical land is a type of the spiritual land, the promises of God as we enter into the fight, and drive the enemies out) go up and possess it, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged. (You cannot be afraid, and you cannot be discouraged. Fear has to be dealt with in your life, fear hinders people, and you are going to see it over, and over where it talks about not having fear. Fear is from the devil, God has not given you the spirit of fear. Fear is coming from the enemy so you will not operate in faith, it always gets you to drawback, gets you to doubt, gets you to waver, gets you to wonder, gets you to hesitate anything so you will not go forth, and do what God wants) neither be discouraged. (Well, we have to arise, and get into the fight. Well, they of course decided they were going to get into the program with what God told them to do)

Deu 1:41 Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against the LORD, (What was their sin? They would not obey, and go up and fight, so they said) we will go up and fight according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill. (At least they had a repenting attitude but still they were not ready because of the fact that they were not right with the Lord, and they



were going to be smitten before the enemies but this is the first step the fact that they realized they needed to go up, and fight against the enemies. Well, they had to get right first)

**Deu 2:24-25 Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.** (Here is another important principle for you to be successful in spiritual warfare. It is not just one quick I will cast this out, and come against the devil, and cast this out whatever, and it will be gone just like that. No, it is a process, notice he said) **begin to possess it**, (Otherwise, you are just beginning, and they were going to begin to possess it because it was a little by little process of driving the enemies out, and they would possess the land, and get victory, and see all the promises, and what that is all the type of. He said to) **begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.** (You are going to be contending with the devil, and you are going to be on the attack against him, but you have to realize to) **begin to possess it**, (One of the problems I have had for years has been the fact that people want this instant quick thing, and they are not willing to continue in the fight. They are not willing to understand it is a process, they just want quick everything, just get my miracle now instead of realizing that is not what God says. God says you are going to begin to possess it, and you are going to systematically drive all the enemies out of every area, and you are going to be liberated, and set free) **25. This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.** (What does this tell you? As you smite the enemies, and get victory in area after area of your life the demons are going to take note, the fear of you is going to come upon them, they are actually going to get afraid of you. They are going to know who you are. You have to realize this is going to happen. In Acts 19 over in the New Testament we see this very thing mentioned. Remember this is where the evil spirits were being challenged)

**Acts 19:14-15 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, (And they were trying to cast them out by the name Jesus that Paul preached) a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. 15. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, (Of course they knew Jesus) and Paul I know;** (The word for "Know" is the general word for "Know" but where it says "Paul I know" this is a word which refers to the fact that he had some "Knowledge about him" that means the enemy is going to know about those people who have authority, and know how to cast out the devils, and enter into the spiritual warfare. They are going to know you, the demons will know you, and they will be afraid of you as you get the victory over them. See God wants you to arise, and begin to start driving the enemies out, get spiritually strong, and realize that he is going to give you the victory, and the enemies are going to have fear as you develop yourself in gaining the victory. What does God want us to do? He wants to increase you, and as you get increased in the things of God because how does that happen? Because you have cast out the demons, and you have entered into doing the word of God, and you bring forth promises in your life, and see fruit come forth you are going to get strong, and you are going to be stronger than these enemies)

**Ps 105:24 And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.**

(When it talks about the word "Increased" it means "To bear fruit". He brought a great amount of fruit in their life. How do we see fruit come forth in our life? From the word in us, at the same time we have to go through the cleansing process, and we have to come to the place of abiding in the word of God. Another thing that is important is the way the people get to the place of being increased or bring forth much fruit is because cast out the spirits out of every area of their life)

**Ex 23:30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased,** (This is the same word that we saw in Ps 105:24. The word "Increased" again means "To bear fruit". Otherwise what comes first? Driving the enemies out which is a type of you casting the evil spirits out of every area of your life. What is going to be next? You are going to be increased, you are going to be bringing forth fruit as you walk in line with the word, and as you bring a great amount of fruit of course they were going to) **inherit the land.** (And what was the rest of that over Psalms. You have to realize that as you are conquering the enemy in your life, and you are bringing forth fruit you are going to see that you are going to get stronger than your enemies)

**Ps 105:24 And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.** (God is going to increase you in strength, and might. You are going to become mighty, you are going to become one who is full of power, and you are going to be one who is going to triumph over the enemies, and see them put underfoot. Now, at the same time you have to realize in Deuteronomy 3 it told them they were going to begin to possess, and go in, and begin to come to these enemies, and their fear would be before them, and this is a command, they had to follow his command, and they had to be obedient)

**Deu 3:18 And I commanded you at that time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you this land to possess it: ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all that are meet for the war.** (Everyone of them had to get up and fight, and they had to get up, and enter into the warfare, every single one because it was a command. At the same time he kept on reminding that in verse 22)

**Deu 3:22 Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.** (You have to know in the Spirit God is fighting for you. Do not be afraid of the devil, do not be afraid of the evil spirits, do not be afraid of any bondage in your life, God will bring forth the victory. What did he have them do? He had them go after all these nations, and begin to cast them out)

**Deu 6:19 To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken.** (You and I are well able to cast all of these spirits out, and get the victory in our life. We see another point over here is Deuteronomy 20)



Deu 20:1 When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. (Notice it did not say if you go out here it said when you go out. That means it is expected that you are going to go into the battle not "I" but "When". Everyone of us are going to enter into the battle if you are going to get victory. If you sit on the sidelines, and you do not enter into the spiritual war the devil will just beat you up the rest of your life. He will beat you up every which way, and bring destruction in all aspects of life. God has delivered you out of the authority of darkness, he has translated you into the kingdom, he has brought you to the place of having authority over all the power of the enemy, he has given you the weapons of warfare, and he wants you to smite the enemies, and cast them out, and drive them out of every area of your life) be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Deu 20:3-4 And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them; (Again we see this over, and over, and over he is reminding them to not be afraid or to have faintheartedness, Why?) 4. For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, (And what will he do?) to save you. (He will save you, he will heal you, he will bring you out of the areas of bondage in your life)

Deu 20:8 And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted? (See God wants you to get strong in heart through the word of God, and to be in faith not fear. The guy) that is fearful and fainthearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart. (In other words they were not fit for the battle, that means you and I have to deal with fear, we have to deal with faintheartedness. No, we are going to get strong, and we are going to rise up, and we are going to go into the warfare, and we are going to battle, and fight that good fight of faith, we are going to war a good warfare, and conquer the enemies. We are)

Josh 10:25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight. (He smote some enemies, and he says I will do it to all of your enemies, God will give you the victory over every enemy but you are going to have to be strong, and of a good courage, you cannot be discouraged, you cannot be drawn back. The opposite of discouragement, which is a loss of courage, is to encourage yourself, take courage in, have courage, be strong, and of good courage, you are going to go, and go on to a fight against these enemies, and triumph over them. God of course is going to do the fighting in the realm of the spirit through the angels who hearken unto his voice. We see this being reiterated over, and over in Judges 7:3. Here we speak unto Gideon, and the Midianites had come against them, and he was raising up an army to go against the Midianites. Who is going to be qualified?)

Judges 7:3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand. (What does that tell you? 32,000 people came out for the battle to go against the Midianites, 22,000 had fear, and they were sent home. That is about two-thirds of them. We see the same problem today, two-thirds of the body of Christ have a lot of fear in them, they will not arise, and they will not deal with things, and come against the enemy. Fear is one of the major weapons the enemy uses to deceive you away from doing what God wants you to do. Well, we come down to verse 5 because they had to do something else because there were 10,000 left)

Judges 7:5-6 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink. 6. And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. (What was the problem here? These guys bowed down, if they were drinking the water lapping it up by having their face down in the water, were they watching? No. But the guys that took their hand, and brought the water up to their mouth they were watching at the same time. That is the principle brought out here. If you are going to be successful in spiritual warfare you have to be spiritually on watch, you have to be spiritually tuned in, you have to be wise to what the devil is going, you are going to have to watch, and pray so you do not give place to the enemy in your life. You get your eyes off of watching, and praying the enemy is going to come at you if he gets an open door or an opportunity to get at you, he will try to come at you. So these guys of course the rest of them is 9,700 more were sent home, all you have is 300 left to take on all these Midianites but that is all God needed, the 300 Midianites, and Gideon they smote them, and destroyed them because they were able to fight the spiritual fight. You and I are able to fight the battle but you must not have any fear, you must not faint, you must not allow yourself to be one of those that is not watching, and praying. We see another point is that you are to get strong in the Lord, and not just strong for a moment for the battle. No, God wants you to have spiritual strength, and your spiritual strength should remain, in fact it should be increasing throughout your life)

Josh 14:11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. (And this was his testimony, remember he was 40 years old, and then it was here he was 80 something, and here he still has spiritual strength for war. God wants you to have spiritual strength through the word in your, and you are able to fight the fight not just for a season, you are going to be able to fight the fight all the days of your life. He wants you to be one who is going to have great spiritual strength, it is going to take that if you are ever going to become successful, and come to the place of being an expert in war which is what he wants to raise you up to be)

2Chr 20:15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. (This is another important point. You are not fighting against them in hand to hand combat essentially, God is fighting against them. What is your part? Your part is simply to speak forth his word in his name in order to release him to smite the enemies. You are going to command those spirits to come out but who is going to bring them out? God is going to bring them out by the power of God with the angels confronting them, and throwing them out. You are not going to be throwing them out but the battle is the Lord's, the victory will be ours. So you have always got to realize hey I am will able to do this, do what God says because God is going to fight the battle, God is going to win the battle against the enemies)

2Chr 32:8 With him is an arm of flesh; (Talking about the enemy) but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah. (See they were not wanting to go, and fight the battle but Hezekiah encouraged them, and told them that God is with us, and he will fight our battles for us, he is going to help us, and he is going to get the victory. The enemy is not superior to God, God is superior to all the bondages in your life, every evil spirit. Now another point you have to get trained up, you have to be taught in the ways of spiritual warfare, and you have to get trained up, Look at what happened here in Genesis 14:12 Here is where some enemies came)

Gen 14:12-16 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed. 13. And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram. 14. And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. (Otherwise what did he do? He did something about it. If the enemy comes in, and does any destructive work. What do you do? You arise, in this case he got his trained servants, and armed them. That means you have to be trained in the ways of warfare, you are going to get trained because you are going to be taught the word, and you are going to apply yourself. If you do not start working your faith, and using your faith in warfare, how are you ever going to get trained up in it, and they were armed, he armed his trained servants, and what did they do? They went after them, they began to pursue after them which means "To run after" them or literally "Run after him with hostile intent") 15. And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. (They continued to pursue all these enemies, and they were successful) 16. And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people. (What does that tell you? If the enemy comes in what do you do? You go after the enemy he came in, and took from him, well you need to go after the enemy, and take back so you get to get on the offensive, you got to be trained up, you have to know your

weapons, you are going to have to pursue, and get into the warfare fight, and go after them, and continue to go after them until they are all destroyed, and you recover all. In fact there can be a lot of enemies that you are going to go after, a lot of evil spirits that we have to deal with in our life)

**Josh 23:10 One man of you shall chase a thousand:** (We are not talking about just a few a thousand enemies) **for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.** (Who knows how many evil spirits are in you causing you to have bondages in areas of your life? God will give you the victory, you are going to have to get into the fight though, it does not matter how many there are you keep on going after them, you keep on casting them out, and casting them out. I have had people say, Hey, you mean I may have legions of them? Who knows you might. All I know is you just keep on casting them out, do not worry about how many, just get after them, and keep casting them out, and driving them out, and you will see the victory will come to pass. In fact God expects us to do this. Look what God says about those who will be obedient)

**Lev 26:7-9 And ye shall chase** (Again the same word, "Pursue and run after with hostile intent") **your enemies,** (Remember these physical enemies were a type of the spiritual enemies which are all the evil spirits that we are coming against) **and they shall fall before you by the sword.** (What is the sword? We talked about it this morning. The sword is the word of God, and the word for "Word" is "Rhema" which means "That which is spoken" which means your sword is your mouth operating, and speaking in line with the word of God) **they shall fall before you by the sword. 8. And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight:** (Lots of enemies again) **and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.** (Then look at what happens then) **9. For I will have respect unto you,** (God has respect for those who will get after the enemies to drive them out. Which means the opposite, he will not have respect for those who will not. I mean think about it. God had given you authority over all the power of the enemy. Jesus paid the price, went to the cross, went down to hell for three days, and three nights, bore away all the sin, he suffered for the pains of death there in that time in order to redeem us. He was raised from the dead, took back the keys of hell, and death, conquered came up, and now you and I have been born again, we have his Spirit in us, we received the Holy Spirit, he has given us his name the name of Jesus a name above every name, he has given us authority over all the power of the enemy, he has given us the Holy Spirit, he has given us the word of Word, he has promised to perform it in our life, and the angels are ministering spirits to minister for us the heirs of salvation they are ready to go do battle against the spirits. I mean the deck is stacked on our behalf) **For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.** (God expects you and I to get into warfare, and begin to cast out all these spirits, and drive them out. What is going to be the result? You are going to be made fruitful again. What does that tell you? Do you want to be fruitful in your life? Deliverance precedes fruitfulness. Spiritual warfare driving out the enemies proceeds fruitfulness in your life,

and then he is going to multiply you. The more you get fruitful you are going to start multiplying, that is great good things are going to be happening) **and establish my covenant with you.** (Which is what? Bringing all the promises of God into manifestation into your life. Over in 1 Samuel 17:26 we see something else. This is talking about David and Goliath, look at the principles that are brought forth that are very important. If you are going to be successful in spiritual warfare you have to realize these)

**1Sam 17:26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?** (Remember you and I are soldiers in the army of God, and here was a Philistine Goliath who is a type of like an evil spirit, a giant, a strong spirit that is defying the armies of God like defying the church, and he says this guy is uncircumcised. What does that mean? He does not have a covenant with God. See you have to realize you have a covenant with God. Why is God going to perform his word in your life, and deliver you, and set you free, and cause you to possess the promises, and walk in victory? Because you have a covenant with God, you are in covenant relationship with him, and if you will do exactly what he says then he is going to perform his word in your life, and he will fight the battles for you)

**1Sam 17:32-37 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.** (David says I am going to go fight) **33. And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him:** (The devil will try to tell you that you cannot take on the demons in your life, you cannot take on these enemies) **for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.** (Well, what was David's response?) **34. And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: 35. And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.** (What does that show you? He already had experience in dealing with enemies, he had experience in seeing God deliver him out of attacks that came against him. That is an important point, you need to get some experience in casting the demons out, driving the enemies out seeing the promises of God coming to pass, conquering some enemies out of your life. Once you do that it will give you the confidence, David had absolute confidence) **36. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.** (What is going to develop confidence, and that is an important point? If you are going to be successful in spiritual warfare you cannot be timid, you cannot be fearful, you cannot be wondering if it is going to work or not, you have to have confidence. You have to know what God will do, and confidence is going to be brought forth as you get experience in doing spiritual warfare, and attacking the enemies which he had experienced here, he already slew the lion, and the bear, so he knew he could get the victory over this one as well) **37. David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the**

paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. (That is confidence. So what did he do?)

1Sam 32:45-51 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, (How are you going to fight your battle? With the word of God, with the name of Jesus in the New Testament, and by the Holy Spirit. You are going to come in the name of Jesus, the name above every name, the name that already defeated him, He is) the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. 46. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. (Again confidence. The Lord will deliver you into my hand, you have to know what God will do, you get into doubt, and you get to wavering, and you are wondering, you are not going to see the victory over the enemy) 47. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands. (Again who is fighting the battle for you? God is fighting. You say well, I am involved in the fight, that is right. Your fight is the fight of faith, and speaking the word, and doing what he says, but in the Spirit God is doing the fighting against the enemies) 48. And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, (What did David do? Do you stand there, and wait for him to come? No) that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. (That meant he got on the offensive, that meant he had confidence, that meant that he was pursuing, running after the enemy with hostile intent. That is exactly what it is talking about when it says you are to chase your enemies or pursue your enemies. You need to get after them, you are not going to win the battle if you are playing a defensive warfare against the devil. You have to get on the offensive, people on the defense do not get the victory, you get the victory when you are on the offense. Think about any nations that have not got on the offensive to go after another nation. Are they going to get the victory? No, if they have been defensive, and they have not done what they need to do. When you get on the offensive then you are going to go after them, and drive them out. Well, you have to get on the offensive against your enemies) 49. And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. 51. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, (That is all a type of the word of God, and he hurled it at him because how do you release the word of God to work? through your mouth, your mouth is what you are going to be releasing, you are going to be speaking, and sending forth God's power through the word of God as you act upon it. What is going to happen? You are going to smite those enemies, and the enemies are going to be put underfoot. You have to realize you have a covenant with God, you have to be ready to go, you have to have some experience of proving God which is going to come because you are a consistent warrior for him, and you are going to come against them in the name of Jesus, and you know you are going to get the victory, and you are going to run after them, you



are going to get on the offense against the enemy. We also see a scripture over in 1 Samuel 30 that also shows us the importance of pursuing the enemy)

1Sam 30:1-3 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; 2. And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way. 3. So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. (Has the enemy come into your life, and done some damage, physically, mentally, socially, financially, relationships, whatever aspect of life? If the devil has come in, and done some destruction against you in some capacity, what are you going to do about it? Well what did David do?)

1Sam 30:6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, (They were mad about it) because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: (But what did David do? he did the right thing) but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God. (You see God is your source, God is your victory. You have to get your eyes on him, you cannot get your eyes on the enemy, and what the enemies have done, you have to get your eyes on the Lord. And what did he do?) David encouraged himself in the LORD his God. (He did not get discouraged, he got encouraged, he took courage in. Then what did he do as he sought the Lord?)

1Sam 30:8 And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: (Which means "To run after with hostile intent") for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all. (What does that tell you? If you will get in the spiritual warfare, and go after every evil spirit that has come into you from your inheritance, your own sins, victimization, whatever the enemy has done, and you cast them all out, you are going to overtake them all without fail, God says you are going to recover all. How did David get the victory? First of all we saw this scripture this morning in verse 35. You have to be taught the ways of warfare)

2Sam 22:35-41 He teacheth my hands to war; (So he became strong) so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. (Well, then what else?) He teacheth my hands to war; (So he became strong) so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. (Well, then what else?) 36. Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness (The word "Gentleness" really means "Humility or lowliness" talking about humility) hath made me great. (One thing for sure do not think for a minutes that you are the one going to be getting the victory as far as in your ability. God is doing the fighting, you humble yourself totally, do not ever think pride you know, Well, I am the one that got the victory here. You have not gone anything, you just simply released him, he is the one who fights the battle, always you must have humility if you are going to be

successful in spiritual warfare) 37. Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; (He grows up, he gets strong) so that my feet did not slip. 38. I have pursued mine enemies, (Here is this word again, this "Running after with hostile intent" he said) I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them. 39. And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet. (What does that tell you? He got after his enemies, he continued after his enemies, there was no stopping until the enemy was put underfoot. It is going to be the same thing for you, no stopping, and you drive all the enemies out, and you possess your promised land) 40. For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: (God strengthens you with spiritual strength for the battle) them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me. 41. Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me. (You have to realize the devil hates you, the evil spirits hate you, they want to do destruction against you, they want to torment you, they want to do everything evil to you, steal, kill, and destroy in every aspect in your life. You are going to turn the tables on the devil. Instead of letting the devil pursue you, and destroy you why don't you turn the tables on him, and get after him, why don't you arise, and get the name of Jesus, the word of God, and start moving going forth in the power of God, and start casting all these spirits out, and driving them out of every area of your life. See you have to have a continuous attack until they have fallen underfoot)

Ex 17:8-13 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9. And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. (What is the rod? That is a type of Jesus the word of God) 10. So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, (And the word "Hand" here is the word "Yawd" which refers to that which is a right hand which refers "To that of strength, and power being released". So when he held up his hand meaning "Power, and strength was being released" through the word of God which is the rod showing forth that he was releasing the power of God which is all a type of you speaking, warring with your mouth) that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, (Otherwise when he rested) Amalek prevailed. (What does that tell you? When you are in the attack mode on the offensive against the enemy, and you are speaking forth with your mouth casting these devils out, destroying them in spiritual warfare you are prevailing against the enemy, but if you decide to just back off, and rest for a while which is what he did when he let down his hand or rested then the enemy prevailed. Why? Because the enemy is still active, the enemy is pursuing after you remember. So what does that tell you? You and I we do not stop confronting the enemy, we do not get off track, we stay on the offensive, we stay in the fight, we keep on fighting the enemy until he is smitten underfoot) 12. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, (Held up his hands) the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going

down of the sun. 13. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. (And they smote him)

Ex 17:15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: (Which means "My banner of victory" God will give you the victory as you smite all the enemies in your life. There is another important principle that we see over in 1 Chronicles 12. If you are going to be successful in spiritual warfare, you have to conquer the flesh, and you have to rise up, and get strong in the spirit)

1Chr 12:23 And these are the numbers of the bands that were ready armed to the war, (They were ready armed) and came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD. (Otherwise they were going to move it out of Saul, him running the show, and they are going to move it to David, Well, was this war a short war? No, it was a long war)

2Sam 3:1 Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker. (What was Saul? Saul was a man after the flesh. Remember the armor he wanted to put on David? It was fleshly armor wasn't, a natural armor, and he did things according to the natural, he did not obey God. Saul is a man after the flesh, David is the man after the Spirit. There will be a long war between your flesh, and your spirit. And what is to happen? The spirit which is what David symbolizes is to wax stronger, and stronger otherwise, you are to get stronger, and stronger, and stronger spiritually, and the house of Saul the flesh is going to get weaker, and weaker, and weaker that is because you are going to do the word, you are going to be involved walking in the spirit according to the word fighting the fight involved in the spiritual warfare. Does your flesh want to fight? No, it does not want to do anything, you want to sit around, and do nothing, but your spirit is ready to engage in the warfare. So you have to realize this speaks of the fact that you are going to come out of the flesh, and you are going to get strong in the spirit, and your flesh is going to get weaker, and weaker to the point where you are going to be strong in the Lord. We can actually see this principle over in Hebrews showing the fact of you hearing, and doing the word consistently how you will come to the place of being strong)

Hew 5:13-14 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness (The word "Unskillful" means "Inexperienced". How do you get experience? By doing something working the word. But if you are inexperienced in the word because you are not doing it, you are) for he is a babe. (You have not grown up) 14. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, (Well, how did they grow up? You grow up you get strong, you are not like a baby any longer) even those who by reason of use (The word "Use" is "Habit" it means "Habit reason of habit") have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. (What this is telling you is the same principle. As you do the word continually you are going to by reason of habit develop yourself,

and you are going to get experienced in doing the word, and you are going to get to the place where you are going to grow up, and get strong in the things of God. You get involved in spiritual warfare, and the more that you casting our engaging the spiritual warfare, binding, loosing, casting down, throwing down, rooting the enemies out, coming against them in the spirit, resisting them all these things that you do, you are going to get stronger, and stronger, and stronger. God wants you to become strong in the Lord in battle)

1Chr 12:33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: (They would not break rank) they were not of double heart. (Do you want to become an expert in war? You have to know all your weapons of war, and these guys became experts because they were experienced in battle, and it says they could keep rank, otherwise, they stayed in the battle, this means "They continued" in going forth, they were not of a double heart. That meant they were not one minute on, and the next minute off. One minute they were fighting, the next minute they were getting lazy, one minute they were entering into it, the next minute they were kind of slothful, and doing something else. No, these guys became experts in war)

1Chr 12:35-38 And of the Danites expert in war (These guys were trained up) twenty and eight thousand and six hundred. 36. And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand. (So all these tribes were trained up to be experts in war. Here again) 37...with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand. (All these men of war that could keep rank, again this mean "Keep the battle" they maintained the battle line, that meant they stayed on the attack, they stayed in the fight, consistent fighting) 38. All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. (Notice these were men of war, they were ones who keep rank, in other words they continued in the battle, they did not break rank, they did not take a vacation, they did not drawback, they did not decide to do all these other things, and it says they) came with a perfect heart. (The ones who are going to become experts in war. God wants to raise you up, those perfect in heart are going to walk in his ways, they are not going to do their own thing. Those that are going to be experts in war, they are going to continue they are going to keep rank, they are going to keep the battle going, they are going to stay in the fight, they are not about to drawback)

1Chr 5:18 The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, were four and forty thousand seven hundred and threescore, that went out to the war. (They were skillful, this meant they were learned, they were exercised, they had been taught, and trained. Again God is going to teach you, and train you, you are going to become an expert in war, but you are going to have to rely on the Lord. If you do not rely on the Lord you will not be an expert in war. In fact you could be an expert one minute, and then drawback the next)

2Chr 16:1-9 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. (Asa was one who did not rely on the Lord, for a while he did, and he had victory) 2. Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, 3. There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. 4. And Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the store cities of Naphtali. (He did all the things God told him to do) 5. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease. 6. Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah. (They did all kinds of destructive work against the enemies, and unfortunately though) 7. And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, (He did not rely on the Lord anymore he looked instead to the arm of the flesh) and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. (You see he had the enemy under wraps but now instead he got out of looking to God, and the enemy could not be free, he escaped) 8. Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, (See he had already smitten like a million of them, God smote them all) because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand. (Well, if God delivered those ones in the past, the Ethiopians, the Lubims, and you won, why would he not deliver these guys for you? Instead he did not look to the Lord, he made a great mistake) 9. For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. (That tells you who has a perfect heart? One who is looking to the Lord, and relying on him continually all the time. You absolutely trust in the Lord, you are doing exactly what he says. But because he did not, what happened?) Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars. (You made a great mistake, because of this fact he started having all these wars, and all this destruction started coming against him. Did he repent? No, unfortunately he was mad, he was mad at what the seer told him, and he ended up putting him in prison instead of repenting, he did not like that. So what happened? Judgment was going to come upon him, and he still even when he was attacked with disease)

2Chr 16:12-13 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians. (You see this guy was mighty, and he saw God do great things but he turned away, and he did not trust in the Lord any more. You can be mighty one minute, that does not mean you are going to stay mighty forever if you do not continue in the Lord. Otherwise, if you are going to become

successful in spiritual warfare you are always going to trust in the Lord, you are always going to look to him as your source. Well, because he did not seek the Lord but to the physicians) **13. And Asa slept** (He died, and he had a tormenting disease) **his fathers, and died** (From the 39th year) **in the one and fortieth year of his reign.** (Two years he was tormented all because of the fact he would not look unto the Lord. You and I have to decide that we are going to trust in the Lord, and keep our eyes upon him)

**Heb 10:32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated,** (You came to the light which would refer to when you are born again, also you have the word of God, learned the word of God) **ye endured a great fight of afflictions;** (Otherwise, the devil is not going to sit by while you grow up in the things of God. While you are growing there will be attacks against you, and the sufferings of the attacks. Well, you have to be ready to deal with all the attacks that come against you, and you have to know that God is going to give you the victory)

**Heb 10:35-36 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.** (You will carry off the promise in your life, but he had a lot of attacks that were coming against him. We have to learn that we have to get in the fight, and we are going to stay in the fight while we are growing, the enemies will keep on coming at you. When you get to the place that you are putting them underfoot, and you become spiritually stronger than them they will be put underfoot)

**1Cor 9:24-27 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?** (Take hold of the prize) **So run,** (They are supposed to run) **that ye may obtain. 25. And every man that striveth for the mastery** (The word "Strives for the mastery" is a word that we have seen before #75 "Ag-o-nid-zom-ahee" which means "To contend with adversaries". This is the same word for "Fight the good fight of faith") **And every man that striveth** (Contending with the adversary which is what we are doing in spiritual warfare, he has to be) **temperate in all things.** (This means "Self-control" What is temperance? Temperance is that fruit of the Spirit that keeps the flesh under wraps, you keep the self-control. You cannot let the flesh direct you in anything. What is the voice of the flesh? Your feelings. If you go by your feelings you get out of the Spirit right now, you cannot go by your feelings. You have to go by the word of God, and go by what the Spirit says in everything, in every situation. Well, you need to be temperate) **26. I therefore so run,** (What are we doing? We are running this race we have our eyes on Jesus, we are conquering the enemies, and we are going to possess the land) **not as uncertainly;** (I know where I am heading. See a lot of Christians do not even know what they are doing, they are just kind of wandering around just kind of I am here. No, you are supposed to be in the race, running the race conquering the enemies going in to possess the promised land, and you are going to come against every enemy in your life to drive them out. You have to be in spiritual warfare race driving



enemies out. That is why it goes on, and says) **so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:** (As you are running the race you are going to be fighting. Some say well I will just run the race, and just kind of so whatever I want to do. You are not running God's race, you are running your fleshly race. You are running God's race when you are in the warfare. You are going to "Run" fight I) **not as one that beateth the air:** (I know what I am hitting, I am hitting the mark against these evil spirits, and I am smiting them all) **27. But I keep under my body,** (Which means I keep this thing, meaning "Like a boxer I box, this thing essentially") **and I bring it into subjection:** (Otherwise, I lead it over away to slavery. Otherwise, you are going to enslave your body, you tell your body what to do, you do not let your body tell you what to do. No, you direct your body) **lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.** (Or not approved. This speaks of the fact here that you are going to have to be temperate, you are going to have to get in the fight, and run the race, and fight again, keep your body under otherwise you will never become an expert in war, you will never grow up, and become strong if you keep letting the flesh dominate you in your life)

**Col 1:29 Whereunto I also labour, striving** (This is the word "Ag-o-nid-zom-ahee" meaning "Contending with the adversary") **according to his working, which** (Not your working. How am I going to do things according to his working? Because I am going to do what his word says, I am going to follow all of his commands, When you do what his word says you are doing thing according to his working, and. Then what is going to happen? You are doing thing according to his working he is going to) **worketh in me mightily.** (Every time you are doing the word God is at work because as you fight, he fights. As you are speaking in the name of Jesus you are releasing him to accomplish his great, and mighty work. Well in Colossians 4:12 here was one who was raised up, and was mighty for the Lord)

**Col 4:12-13 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ,** (He did not have any special gifts he was just a servant of Christ. Every believer is to become strong, and mighty in spiritual warfare. He) **saluteth you, always** (Not once in a while, not if I feel like it, not if my circumstances are okay, and it will fit in with my schedule. No, always) **labouring fervently** (What is the word "Laboring"? There is only one Greek word for these two words. It is "Ag-o-nid-zom-ahee" which means "To contend with the adversary" or to fight. Always fighting) **for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.** (God wants you to realize you are going to be in spiritual warfare for the rest of your life. You are going to be fighting the fight not only to drive the enemies out for you but but you are going to be helping others drive the enemies out of them. You are going to be engaged in the warfare. This guy was always engaged in the warfare in order to see people be set free) **13. For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you,** (See zeal is important. That is why I sing that song all the time, "The zeal of God has consumed you deep in your soul a fire on the inside of you. God's zeal needs to be in you. When you are zealous for the things of God you are going to do the works, you are going to be zealous for the works of God as it says over in Titus. God wants you to have zeal,

this guy was zealous to do things. If you do not have the zeal of God you will kind of do it whenever you feel like it. Well, I will pray if I want to, if I have time to or well I other things to do. Other things will come along, and become priorities. No, this guy had God's priority in line, and he was zealous to do the things of the Lord. Now at the same time you also have to learn to do whatever it takes, you say I am in a fight, well I have been fighting the fight but I have not seen the victory yet. What is going to be the answer? Well you are going to have to do something more)

2Sam 11:25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him. (If what you have been doing has not been strong enough to drive the enemies out yet, what should you do? Make the battle more strong. Well, I cast out a little bit here, and there. Maybe you need to cast a whole more, maybe you need to get into consistency, and start really making the battle more strong against your enemies) make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him. (So otherwise you need to do whatever needs to be done, you have to do whatever it takes, we cannot be one of those that is just going to kind of do a little bit. I have had people that have got the cast out tapes over the years, and they say ok well I am going to do this for a short period of time, and they go and do whatever they want to the rest of the time. It is not going to get the victory, you need to be doing what is consistency on the attack, and driving out the enemies until you get them out. If you just kind of do it here and there a little bit. Are we really going to gain the victory? No, in the consistency lies the power. I remember the one women who had the cancer cancerous tumor diagnosed at the Mayo Clinic. She used the cast out cancer tape and worked on it herself continually for 30 days in a row. Every day she was working this thing casting out. She went back, and the tumor was gone when they examined her. A guy with diabetes in Duluth Minnesota that cast out continually day after day. He says everyday I used that cast out tape, and I was using it continually working on casting the spirits of diabetes out. He drove them out, he got the victory. It is under his foot, God raised him up into a ministry, he is now ordained out of a particular Church, he is teaching the word of God, and ministering deliverance, he has been doing it for years, he is ministering to the people. God will raise you up as well, you have to get in the fight, you have to make it as strong as it needs to be to get the victory. You say well am I ever going to get free of this thing? Sure you are)

Ps 55:18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me. (Who was the many? The angels, angels are with you, and they are fighting for you. Notice he said) He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle. (You will get to the place where your soul will come to the place of being in peace, that is when you have driven all the enemies out, and you will have the victory. At the same time if you do not drive them out, are you going to be able to really build the things of God in your life, because the enemy will keep on tormenting you?)

1Kings 5:3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. (Well, I want to get some rest, you are not going to have rest until you drive them out. Just keep in the battle. Well, I am tired of doing this. If you do that you are never going to get anywhere, they are just going to beat you up. No, there are going to be wars about on every side, until they get put underfoot, and they will be put under your foot as you drive them out. You will come to the place of rest in your own life)

Josh 11:23 So Joshua took the whole land, (That is a type of you taking all your promises as you drove all the enemies out) according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war. (That means you can come to the place of resting from war once you have driven all the enemies out. Until all the enemies are gone you are in the warfare, you are going to be in the warfare mode. Don't just sit there, and think, one of the things I have heard so many times over the years I hear it all the time. How long is this going to take? How long do I have to do this? How often should I be doing this? I tell them you can never do too much that is you can only do too little. You have to get after it, and be consistent. Be on the attack just be involved in spiritual warfare every day, whether it is intercession, whether it is casting out whatever it might be, you just stay on the attack, and God will give you the victory)

1Sam 25:28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; (He is going to have a sure house, that is what God is going to do for you. He is going to have the house of the Lord built) because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days. (That is a great testimony. You deal with all sin, no evil in you, you are walking the walk, you are obedient to the Lord, and you are fighting the battle. What a testimony, fighting the battle, and no evil and you. God is make you a sure house, and he will raise you up, and your house is going to be built unto the Lord, it is going to be strong, and it is going to be full of all the fruit, all the promises, and victorious in your life)

2Tim 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: (God wants you to have this testimony at the end of your days. You have fought a good fight because you continued in spiritual warfare. You finished your course, you carried out what God has for you to do, you carried out the ministry, and you kept the faith. As you get on the offensive, and you destroy these enemies they are going to be put under your foot)

What does God want us to do? He wants us to get into the warfare, we have to keep our eyes on the Lord, not on the enemy or yourself. No fear, no fainting, have to realize that the enemy's defense is departed from them. You follow the Lord fully, you obey as you are doing spiritual warfare, you are going to develop it, the enemies have already been delivered into your hand,

you have authority over them, you are going to cast out these devils, and smite all of them until they are all gone, you cannot sit around. While others are going to war otherwise, you are going to be guilty before the Lord, instead you are going to get armed, and you are going to get in the fight to drive them out of your life as well as helping others, and you are going to have the weapons of warfare on, you are always going to be ready, and prepared to fight the fight, you also understand it is a process, it is a process of systematically driving the spirits out, as you work your faith, and develop spiritual warfare you will get a reputation in the spirit with the Spirit with the devils they will know you just like they knew Paul. They will see this guy or this woman they are really taking it to them, and they will know who you are, and you develop yourself getting stronger, and stronger you will see they will begin to back off in your life, and they will know that they are not going to be able to get the victory. You are going to get great fruit, you are going to become stronger than your enemies, you are going to watch, and pray, you are going to have continual spiritual strength, you are not going to be moved by any great amount of enemies, it doesn't matter as long as it takes you are going to fight the fight. Remember God fights as you fight. You are going to pursue your enemies continually until they are underfoot, you are going to rely on the covenant that you have with God knowing God is going to bring it to pass. You prove God in your life by working out your own salvation, you are going to be home before him, you are going to grow up and all the things, and you are not going to stop in pursuing your enemies, and casting them out until they are all gone. At the same time you are going to come out of the flesh, the flesh is going to get weaker, and weaker. The spirit is going to get stronger, and stronger. You are not going to break rank, you are going to keep rank, you are not going to be double-hearted you are going to have a perfect heart before God, you are going to get taught, and trained up in spiritual war, and you are going to become an expert in warfare. You are going to rely totally upon the Lord, you were going to be temperate in all things, and zealous. You are going to be ready to do whatever it takes. My motto for years has always been, we just do what we have to do does not matter what we have to do, you have to make the battle more strong, you do whatever it takes. Also know that the angels are with you, and as the enemies are put underfoot the building of God will be accomplished in you, you are going to come to the place of spiritual rest possessing the promises, and you are going to be rewarded by the Lord when you have a testimony just like Paul, "I fought the good fight, I finished my course, I have kept the faith" that is what God wants for you and me.