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The battle is not over!

It is time to reload and continue to battle against the wiles or schemes of the devil. Remember Apostle John wrote that the devil was enraged with the woman or the church (Rev. 12:17). The devil's anger has not subsided since his terrible mistake and loss when Jesus was raised up from the dead. He continues to vent his anger on the off spring the woman or church. Stand up and continue to engage in the fight against evil spirits in the spirit realm.

When David killed the giant, Goliath, even though it was a great victory, the battle was not over. There were four more brothers to take care of. When David was fighting the Philistines, he became tired, and Ishbi-nob, Goliath's brother, became aware of David's condition and conceived a plan to ambush David. Abishai, one of David's mighty men, came to his rescue and killed Ishbi-nob. At that time David was 57 years of age and still going into battle.

Yet the battle against the giants was not over. While David was at Gob, Sibbecai struck down Saph, and Elhanan killed Goliath the Gittite. Three

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"Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession (Baptism) in the presence of many witnesses" (1 Tim 6:12).

Paul was approaching the end of his life's journey, encouraging Timothy to take the baton and vigorously press ahead.

*"For this reason I remind you to **kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline**" (2 Tim 1:6-7).*

"Fan the coals" or your gift may go dormant. Fan the coals into flames! Fan your zeal, passion, call, desires, righteousness, goals, pressing forward, your love. Don't allow the distractions of the world take away your focus. Demas "loved the present world" and deserted Paul, missing his greatest opportunity in his life, that is, standing by Paul during his trial before Nero. 2 Tim 4:8.

Paul's final instructions to Timothy, his son in the gospel.

Do not be ashamed of me nor the gospel... 1:8; Retain the standard of sound words.. 1:13; Guard the treasure which has been entrusted to you...1:14; Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus...2:1; Suffer hardship as a good soldier...2:3; Don't wrangle about words of doctrine...2:14; Present yourself a workman rightly dividing the word of truth...2:15; Avoid worldly and empty chatter...2:16; Flee from youthful lusts, pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace...2:22; Refuse foolish and ignorant speculations...2:23; With gentleness correct those who are in opposition ...2:25; Beware of things in the last days...3:1; Follow my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, persecutions and sufferings...3:10; I charge you to preach the word, be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. ...4:2

*"Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, **but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting (quit repeating) what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"** (Phil 3:12-15).*

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What was he pursuing? (1) "rescuing you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, (2) **to open their eyes so that they may (3) turn from darkness to light and from the (4) dominion of Satan to God, that they may (5) receive forgiveness of sins and an (6) inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me"** (Acts 26:17-18).

The Lord plainly told Paul what his purpose was, that is, take revelation to the Gentiles of which Jesus provided for them. They were to turn from darkness to light; rescue them from the dominion of Satan to God; that they receive forgiveness of sins; and an inheritance along with other people of faith.

I have watched the relay races of the Olympics and the passing of the baton to the next runner. If the baton is dropped that team is disqualified. In the above passage Paul is holding out the baton to Timothy.

*"Everyone who competes in the games exercises **self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim;** (not in circles) I box in such a way, as*





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down
and one more to go.
Jonathan, the son of
Shimei, a brother of
David, took on the
final brother of Goliath.
This giant had six
fingers on each hand,
six toes on each foot
and he defied Israel as
did his brother Goliath.
Jonathan struck
him down.

“These four were
born to the giant in
Gath, and they fell by
the hand of David and
by the hand of his
servants” (2 Sam
21:22).

The devil still is
seeking some one to
devour. He is driven
by his rage. Don't
ever bargain with him,
negotiate with him or
allow him to intimidate
you. The line in the
sand has been drawn
by Jesus. The day will
come when he will be
cast into the lake of
fire, and the saints
will reign with Jesus
forever.

Now we continue
to resist the devil
with this declaration,
“in the Name of
Jesus”!

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not beating the *air*; (shadow boxing) but I discipline (Buffet) my body and make it my *slave*, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be *disqualified*” (1 Cor 9:25-27).

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us (stadium is filled), let us also lay aside every encumbrance (weights on the ankles) and the sin which so easily entangles (intertwine, twisted) us, and let us *run with endurance* the race that is *set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured* (not enjoyed) *the cross, despising the shame* (worst criminals), and has sat down (past tense) at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb 12:1-2).

“Fight”

The background of this verse was taken from the Greek athletic games. The word fight refers to the place of a contest. It was a place of battle or struggle. Otherwise, don't be passive, or merely a spectator, but enter the contest. Stand up, don't shut up, but **engage into the battle**. Don't be one of the silent majority.

The teenager, David the Shepherd, watched the giant Goliath, descend into the valley that separated the armies of the Philistines and Israelites. For 40 days Goliath challenged the Israelites to send out their champion. Up until this time no one engaged Goliath. **Engagement was the question.**

Our theme for 2020 was “Stand Up”, a suitable theme for that year. The leftists, socialists, liberals, have attempted to shut up the conservatives and Christians in our schools, businesses, and the work-places.

When we find that gloves of the Greek boxer were fur lined on the inside, but made on the outside of ox-hide with lead and iron sewed into it, and that the loser in a wrestling match had his eyes gouged out, we come to some appreciation of what a Greek athletic contest consisted of.

Fight in its verb form meant, “commanding a continuous action.” It showed Timothy the necessity for the continuous nature of the Christian's warfare against evil, and of his desperate effort to live a life pleasing to God.

The people in the days of Noah, ignored his message of warning, casually going about their business, eating, drinking, and marrying. Mat 24:38. “*Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation* (excessive) *and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap*” (Luke 21:34-35).

(To be continued...)



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