

THE WAR OF 2024

THE YEAR OF 2024 AND THE CHALLENGES AND THE OPPORTUNITIES
THAT IT WILL USHER IN FOR THE BELIEVER.

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE WAR OF 2024

LIVING A VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE BY BEING EQUIPPED FOR EVERY DAY AND EVERY HOUR AND EVERY
MOMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

A New Year, A Call to Perseverance, Readiness, Nurturing Expectation, Discipleship.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-22

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. **15** See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. **16** Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing, **18** in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **19** Do not quench the Spirit. **20** Do not despise prophecies. **21** Test all things; hold fast what is good. **22** Abstain from every form of evil.

Introduction to and Examples of Notable Moments in warfare and the history of the Art of War.

**“Learning is impossible without humility.
We encourage confidence, not cockiness.”**

“Left of Bang - The Marine Corps Combat Hunter Program” by Patrick Van Horne.

**“Victorious warriors win first and then go to war,
while defeated warriors go to war first and then seek to win”**

“The Art of War” by Sun Tzu

1 Thessalonians 5:21

Test all things; hold fast what is good.

test

grk: dokimazo

to approve of by holding up to the light, to examine in the light, to confirm the authenticity of something by exposure to scrutiny.

all things

grk: pas

as in all kinds, all men, all respects, all angles, all possibilities, all situations. – (i.e. the etymology of the word “sincere” meaning without wax)

2 Timothy 2:2-4

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. **3** You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. **4** No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

hold fast **grk: ka'tech'o**
to hold firmly, to grip or to bind yourself to,
to possess, to restrain by never letting go. (death grip)

good **grk: kalo(s)**
beautiful, the better thing, the best, what is excellent, that which is of the highest value
or character, the wise choice.

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1.) Against The Truth

John 18:37-38

Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "*You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.*" **38** Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"

According to the Bible;

Jesus Christ is the Embodiment of the Truth and all that is True.

All truth belongs to God and there is no other truth on the market. Should anyone say, "This is my truth" or "Well, that's just your truth" they have denied the fundamental reality of what the Truth is – It is an absolute attribute of God and without God, it is a falsehood, a counterfeit reality. It's to pretend.

**So What - WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?
HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.**

1 Timothy 6:20-21 KJV

**O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:
21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith.**

1 Timothy 6:20-21 NLT

O Timothy, guard what God has entrusted to you. Avoid godless, foolish discussions with those who oppose you with their so-called knowledge. 21 Some people have wandered from the faith by following such foolishness.

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2.) Against The Facts

Terms and words like;
Facts, Data, Information, Misinformation, Research, Expert,

"Fact-checking' fact checkers: A data-driven approach."

"In a 22-page research article published by the Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review, examined practices of U.S. fact-checking organizations Snopes, PolitiFact, Logically and the Associated Press. "A near-unanimous agreement of Snopes and PolitiFact is what researchers found, likely means that fact-checking is complex and multifaceted, involving numerous variables, and that checkers select and verify claims in their own unique ways. When multiple fact-checking organizations consistently agree on the accuracy of a statement, the public is more likely to trust their assessments," the researchers concluded."

<https://www.poynter.org/fact-checking/2023/who-fact-checks-the-fact-checkers-research/>

Now Learn This that -

"Wherever and whenever power, money, fame, control or self-advancement is present or possible, there you will find a personal agenda and or a collective agenda at work to succeed.

Words matter and their Definitions matter even more.

Who is God. What is a Gender. What is your worldview. What does the word truth mean. Who will you be Voting for. Who is Jesus Christ. Is it Illegal to illegally enter into another country. What is your opinion of War. What is your opinion of Religion. What is your opinion of Politics. What is your opinion of Mickey Mouse. Who was George Washington. And the most emotionally reactive words in all of the American culture today - Donald Trump.

How is it - that the most persecuted person in America isn't a Christian or a monk or a priest, sadly not even a Christian pastor - - it's Donald J. Trump.

This is an embarrassment and an indictment against all pastors in the United States. – If I say something about abortion, the American flag, Jesus Christ, patriotism, make America godly again, nobody cares. If I mention the word Trump, people begin to have an allergic reaction. I'm very jealous and envious of his power to influence.

**So What - WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?
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1 Thessalonians 5:21
Test all things; hold fast what is good.

1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. **2** By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, **3** and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

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3.) Against The Faith

**The most precious thing you own - cannot be bought,
it cannot be inherited. It cannot be earned because it's not of this world.**

I'm talking about Faith.

**When Faith is lost or broken or neglected or rejected,
the very core existence of man is also lost or broken. When this happens, there will be no direction
or meaning or purpose or reason for living.**

Hebrews 11:1-3

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. **2** For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. **3** By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

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2 Corinthians 10:4-5

For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, **5** casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

1 Timothy 1:18

This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

Romans 13:12

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Jude 1:3

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

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4.) Against The Church

God loves His church, His people.

Jesus Christ loves His Church like a Husband loves his Wife.

The church, the epicenter of wisdom.

James 3:17

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

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The church, the foundation of truth.

1 Timothy 3:15

but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

The church, Christ's presence on earth.

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

The church, the manifestation of God's love.

John 13:35

By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 14:31

But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

The church, the preserving agent in the world.

Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. **14** “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. **16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The church, the example of unity.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

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5.) Against The Marriage

**There are just a few foundational institutions created by God.
They are defined by God, and they are sustained by God.**

**But that doesn't keep sinful man from attacking the will of God
And seeking to usurp authority over God.**

Genesis 1:26-28a

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” **27** So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. **28a** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply.

Genesis 2:20-25

So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. **21** And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. **22** Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. **23** And Adam said: “This *is* now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” **24** Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. **25** And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

**So What - WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?
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Ephesians 5:22-30

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **23** For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. **24** Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let the wives be* to their own husbands in everything. **25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, **26** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, **27** that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish **28** So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. **29** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. **30** For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

**Isn't it interesting that the international symbol for love
or care or healing or compassion is the cross of Jesus Christ.**

**How do you conclude that a brutal, rugged, gruesome cross, being the
international symbol of love?**

The answer is Jesus Christ.

End of Study

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