

I Am a Soldier

I am a soldier in the army of God. The Lord Jesus Christ is my Commanding Officer and the Captain of my salvation. The Holy Bible is my code of conduct. Faith, prayer, and the word of God are my weapons of warfare. I have been taught by the Gospel, trained by experience, tried by adversity, and tested by fire.

I am a volunteer in this army, and I am enlisted for eternity. I will die in this Army; but, I will not get out, sell out, be talked out, or pushed out. I am faithful, reliable, capable, and dependable. If my God needs me, I am there.

I am a soldier. I am not a baby. I do not need to be pampered, petted, primed up, pumped up, picked up, or pepped up. I am a soldier. No one has to call me, remind me, write me, visit me, entice me, or lure me.

I am a soldier. I am not a wimp. I am in place, saluting my King, obeying His orders, praising His name, and building His Kingdom. No one has to send me flowers, gifts, food, cards, candy, or give me handouts. I do not need to be cuddled, cradled, cared for, or catered to.

I am committed. I cannot have my feelings hurt bad enough to turn me around. I cannot be discouraged enough to turn me aside. I cannot lose enough to cause me to quit. When Jesus called me into this Army, I had nothing. If I end up with nothing, I will still come out even. I will win. My God will supply all my needs. I am more than a conqueror. I will always triumph. I can do all things through Christ.

The Devil cannot defeat me. People cannot disillusion me. Weather cannot weary me. Sickness cannot stop me. Battles cannot beat me. Money cannot buy me. Governments cannot silence me, and hell cannot have me. I am a soldier. Even death cannot destroy me.

I am a soldier, in the army of God; I am marching, claiming victory. I will not give up. I will not turn around. I am a soldier, marching Heaven bound. Here I stand! Will you stand with me?

There is only Active Duty: Serving the Lord faithfully, daily, and on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days each week, and 52 weeks each year; or, AWOL - Absent With Out the Lord. In the Lord's Army, there is no Reserve Status, no serving only when called upon, or only twice a year: Christmas and Easter; nor is there Guard Status: Backing up the Active Duty group. There is only full commitment. Anything less and I will be taken captive and become a slave to sin. I am a soldier in the army of the Lord.

Another Lie

A young mother was shocked to learn that her little son had told a lie. Taking the boy on her knee, she vividly explained what happens to little boys who tell lies. She said, "A big red demon with big black eyes and two big sharp horns grabs little boys who lie, and carries them off at night. They have to work in a dark cave for fifty years. Now, you won't tell me another lie will you, son?" "No ma'am!" came his prompt reply, "You can tell them much better than I can."

Between a King and a Slave

Alexander the Great, seeing Diogenes looking attentively at a parcel of human bones, asked the philosopher what he was looking for. Diogenes' reply: "That which I cannot find -- the difference between your father's bones and those of his slaves."

Things That Will Destroy Us:

Politics without principle,
Pleasure without conscience,

Wealth without work,
Knowledge without character,
Business without morality,
Science without humanity,
Worship without sacrifice.

A Pit

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets" (Matt. 7:12).

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get out.

A Realist said: "You have fallen into a pit."

An Objective person said: "It's only logical that someone would fall into that pit."

A Subjective person said: "I sympathize with you down there."

An Evasive person said: "Let's avoid the subject of his pit altogether."

A Self-pitying person said: "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit."

A Christian Scientist said: "You only think that you are in a pit."

A Pharisee said: "Only bad people fall into a pit."

Confucius said: "If you would have listened to me, you would not be in that pit."

Buddha said: "Your pit is only a state of mind."

An Evolutionist said: "You are a rejected mutant destined to be removed from the evolutionary cycle."

An Optimist said: "Things could be worse."

A Pessimist said: "Things will get worse!"

A Christian, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit.

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"Fret not thyself because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity" (Psalm 37:1).

If someone levels a criticism against you, it may be evidence you have done something worthwhile.

If someone opposes you, consider his objections; His opposition may be justified.

If someone fails to speak to you, it could have been unintentional -- maybe he didn't see you.

If someone has defrauded you, remember that there are more than two hundred sixty million people in America who have never done you a wrong.

If the burdens of the day seem unusually heavy, go to the Father in heaven; He can lighten your load.

If you tried to do something worthwhile and failed, try again tomorrow: Maybe you can succeed.

A Moments Wisdom

--Why doesn't the fellow who says, "I'm no speechmaker," just let it go at that, instead of going on to give us a demonstration?

--People aren't failures until they begin to blame someone else.

--Life is like a grindstone: whether it grinds you down or sharpens you up depends on what you are made of.

--Caution is when you are scared; cowardice is when the other guy is scared.

--We often give advice by the bucketful, but take it only one grain at a time.

- There are two kinds of people in this world: some who are willing to work, and others who are willing to let them.
- Without hearts there is no home.
- We judge ourselves by what we believe we are capable of doing; others judge us by what we have already done.
- If joy is not rooted in the soil of suffering, it is shallow.
- If everyone swept in front of his house, the whole town would be clean.
- The world is moved not only by the mighty shoves of the heroes but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker.
- I only have three faults: what I say, what I do, and what I think.
- Haste is usually to save minutes, after hours have been wasted.
- God is the only one in a position to look down on others.