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Please join us at 11AM each Friday morning for devotions.



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1 Corinthians 15:57
But thanks be to God, which giveth us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



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Do we forget or do we just brush off the reality of it all?

I must admit, my memory is not what it used to be but, last Saturday I thought to myself... "I wonder how many people have forgotten already what yesterday was all about?" How do we see Veterans Day? What makes a good soldier? Apostle Paul said in *2 Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*

Paul is talking about being a good soldier for Christ but, in many ways it takes the same determination, courage and faith to endure being a soldier in the armed forces in time of war. We as Christians are fighting a spiritual war because the enemy we are against is invisible.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Just want to say here that some look upon the spiritual world as being odd or nonexistent even though they say they believe in God. But, I believe to the spiritual world we are the ones that are odd. I would say that the spirit population out numbers the fleshly human by the millions, trillions of times. If it wasn't for our loving God we would be only be a trophy of destruction and something to do for the *spiritual wickedness*.

How do we fight a war when we can't see the enemy? Bible says in *Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.* What is the armor we use? *Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

We take Gods word, promises to battle with us each day to cool down these things that Satan and his forces use against us. These are weapons for Gods children that never need updating or improving. We must have spiritual power to fight a spiritual war. Just as a modern day soldier depends on and puts their faith in our government to supply them with the right weapons to win a war.

Paul said in *2 Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.* Paul says we must endure hardness. Meaning it's not easy to fight a war. There are going to be times of hardship, *fiery darts* that will make wounds but, don't kill. God allows things to happen in our spiritual war that make us stronger, more alert. One major thing that Paul pointed out in *2 Timothy* chapter 2 is in verse *4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life;* In other words, don't get side tracked by worldly things. Don't be entangled and caught up in this life.

I have become friends with a man over the last couple of years that is not only a dedicated and faithful Christian but, a veteran that served our country in the military in World War 2. I had a chance back a few months ago to set and talk with him one on one and I never forgot that conversation. His name is Floyd Wilson. He is not a war hero but, I believe he is a symbol to what most Americans have forgotten about. Floyd told me about the amazing fact of being on the front lines and fighting a war. Another thing that was so amazing about his story was that my Dad was stationed in the South Pacific were Floyd was at that same time but, they never knew each other. Memories of the war that my Dad and Floyd shared there was one thing that both mentioned that stuck with me. It was the determination to survive. To make it back home to friends and family. I lost my Dad in 2004 but, Floyd Wilson I see each week at church and he will be 89 in January of 2012. After my conversation with Floyd Wilson a few months ago, we began to salute each other before we shake hands. It's not mockery, it shows respect to a man that came face to face with death and the reality that he could have been one of those who died for our freedom. Floyd told me Sunday, without me saying a word of what I thought Saturday. "You know Ron, people probably have already forgotten about Veterans Day and what it means." I said, sad but true, you're probably right Floyd. Let's remember the reality of our freedom because of our Veterans and thank God for it all.

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