

Are you winning your battle over sin?

Many within our society have chosen to ignore God's warning that "the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10).

The scriptures are explicit that there is a war going on. The apostle Paul, told Timothy to "war the good warfare" (1 Timothy 1:18). Paul described this warfare, when he said, "but I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and bringing me into captivity under the law of sin which is in my members" (Romans 7:23).

In order to overcome, and be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might, we must "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:11-12).

This battle we are fighting will first require that we give attention to our conduct in life. The apostle Paul said, "I do all things for the gospel's sake, that I may be a joint partaker thereof. Know ye not that they that run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? Even so run; that ye may attain. And every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, as not uncertainly; so fight I, as not beating the air: but I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage: lest by any means, after that I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected (1 Corinthians 9:23-27).

Are you winning the battle set before you? Are you, like the apostle Paul, pressing "on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"? (Phil. 3:14) Are you, like the apostle Paul, making it your aim, "to be well-pleasing unto him"? (2 Cor. 5:9).

The apostle Peter said, "Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom withstand steadfast in your faith..." (1 Peter 5:8-9). Are you withstanding?

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