Enlisted As Soldiers

2 Timothy 2:3-4

What should we expect to face as good soldiers of Jesus Christ? Is this something we must face alone? (see also **Php 2:25; Phlm 1:2**) What does the illustration of "fellow soldiers" teach us about our relationship with one another?

As those who have been enlisted in the service of Christ, how should we view the affairs of "civilian" or "everyday" life? How can we apply this principle on a practical level?

Our Warfare

2 Corinthians 10:2-6

How does Paul describe the opponents in our warfare in **vv. 5-6**? What are these opponents seeking to attack or overthrow?

Ephesians 6:10-13

How are the enemies of our warfare described here? If we are to stand a chance in this battle what do we need above all else?

What is the "evil day" we are preparing for? (compare **Eph 5:16**) What must be our attitude and approach in preparing for this day?

Our Armor Ephesians 6:14-17 What must we have "girded around our loins"? Why is this so important to our spiritual warfare? (see also Php 4:8; John 8:44) What must we put on as our "breastplate"? Define this word. What does it mean practically for us to put on this piece of our armor? (see also 2 Cor 5:21; 1 John 3:7) What are we to put on our feet? Why might this piece of the armor particularly be associated with our feet? (compare Rom 10:15) What are we to take up as our shield? Define this word. Why is this so vital to withstanding Satan's attacks? (see also 1 Pet 1:7; 5:8-9)

What helmet have we been given to wear? How might this be different than the breastplate of righteousness?

What sword do we need for our battle? What connection is made between the Spirit and the word here?

(compare 1 Cor 2:11-13) How is this sword to be used in our warfare? (see Matt 4:1-11; Heb 4:12)