

The Good Soldier

“You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”

– 2 Timothy 2:3 –

Courage, conviction, and integrity are respectable qualities from a secular viewpoint, yet it is essential that they be manifested in the life of every Christian. That’s because the name “Christian” identifies us with Christ, Who never compromised or deviated from the truth. He is the perfect example of courageous integrity.

It stands to reason, then, that we are called to be stable and steadfast like Christ and not waver (Ja. 1:6). Injunctions to stand firm (Eph. 6:11, 13-14) and be strong (1Cor. 16:13, 2Tim. 2:1) affirm that we are to be bold and uncompromising in living for Jesus Christ.

Most of us earnestly desire to stand firm and not stumble in our Christian walk. None of us wants to be crushed under the weight of life’s trials or be defeated by the onslaught from the world, the flesh, and the devil. But we must realize that standing firm and being strong isn’t easy because we are engaged in spiritual warfare (2Tim 2:3-4). We have to be prepared to “endure hardship” along the way – as a “good soldier” of faith.

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