

## NO ROOM FOR WIMPS IN GOD'S ARMY

### I. Introduction - Relating to the attack on America on **September 11, 2001**

- (A) A terrible enemy - evil - murderer - Matt 6:13; 1 Jn 2:13-14
- (B) An enemy using deceit - John 8:44
- (C) An enemy uses many schemes - 2 Cor 2:11; Eph 6:11
- (D) An enemy seeking to destroy - John 8:44; 1 Pet 5:8
- (E) Our assumption of security
- (F) Lax in preparation and lax in vigilance - 1 Thes 5:3; Heb 2:3; Matt 25:1-13
- (G) Many perish - Rom 6:23
- (H) War declared - Eph 6:12
- (I) Willing to give up some things in order to defeat the enemy and preserve freedoms?  
1 Cor 8:13; Luke 9:58; Matt 16:24,25; Mk 10:43-45

### II. WIMPS VS. MIGHTY MEN OF VALOR

- (A) Wimp disciples of Christ vs. Valiant **disciples of Christ**
- (B) Wimp husbands vs. Valiant **husbands**
- (C) Wimp fathers vs. Valiant **fathers**
- (D) Wimp workmen vs. Valiant **workman**
- (E) Wimp witnesses vs. Valiant **witnesses**

### III. TIMELY CONSIDERATIONS

1. **Relationship.** No matter what else is in life, there is no relationship more important than your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Nurture that relationship . . . treasure it . . . build it . . . pray about it . . . affirmatively plan on how you can enhance it. (Matthew 22:37-38; Revelation 2:4-5)

2. **Your Quiet Time.** There is nothing more important in any day . . . NOTHING . . . than having your quality, disciplined, quiet time with the Lord (systematic Bible study, meditation on the Word of God, and organized, persistent and fervent prayer). If you have spent significant time with the Lord in any day, then that day is a success regardless of what else happened. If you fail to have quality quiet time with the Lord on any day, then regardless of whatever achievements or accomplishments, the day is not a success.

3. **Seek to Please God.** Seek the favor of God rather than striving to please man. (Galatians 1:10)

4. **Prayers From on High!** Take comfort that the Holy Spirit Himself is praying for you, as is our precious Lord Jesus Christ Himself praying for you. (Romans 8:26; 8:34)

5. **God's Calling - Glorifying God.** For a Christian man, it is of the highest order to be the man God wants him to be, doing what God wants him to do. Once that is in order, then he must do that for which he has been called to the glory of God. Specifically, be very sure in your heart that you are called from on high to be doing what you are doing at this time. With that calling settled and peaceful in your heart, do it to the glory of God.

6. **Holy Living.** Be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil. (Romans 16:19; Jeremiah 4:22)

7. **Trust in God's Promises.** Always trust in God to keep His promises. Never waiver in your faith that God will keep His promises. Never entertain even the slightest doubt about God's faithfulness and integrity to keep His promises. (I Thessalonians 5:24; Ezekiel 36:36; II Peter 1:2-4)

8. **Solid Foundation.** Because God is an everlasting rock, you can have unwavering trust and confident peace. (Isaiah 26:3-7, 12)

9. **Full Joy.** The growing Christian is joyful. Our Christian testimony will not be effective if we are not joyful Christians. Indeed it is an insult to God and His bountiful shower of blessings upon us for us not to have joy *regardless* of the circumstances of the day. (Psalm 16:11; John 17:13; John 3:29; Psalm 21:6)

Philippians 4:4 . . . Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

John 15:11 . . . These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

10. **Be Choice.** Remember that **YOU** decide by your choices and by your obedient affirmative actions whether you will be a *vessel for honor* (II Timothy 2:20-21).

11. **Live By Faith.** To live on the cutting edge for God you cannot wait until you see everything in place. You must be willing to take steps forward with the eyes of faith. (II Corinthians 5:7)

12. **Your Ambition.** In your innermost being resolve that your highest **AMBITION** is to please God. (II Corinthians 5:9; Proverbs 16:3) . . . contrast to pathetic worldly ambitions.

13. **Time.** This life is short. It is merely a breath and it will be over. By contrast, eternity is eternity. Walk in this brief life in light of eternity and fight the good fight. (I Timothy 1:18; II Timothy 4:7)

14. **STRONG IN THE LORD.** If you are ever feeling a little timid or weak, read and meditate on these verses on II Timothy 2:7 . . . *For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline (sound judgment);* Philippians 4:13 . . . *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* Romans 8:37 . . . *Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.* II Timothy 1:7 . . . *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of*

*power and of love and of a sound mind. I Timothy 1:18 . . . wage the good warfare. II Timothy 4:7 . . . I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Philippians 3:14 . . . I press toward the goal for the price of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. I Corinthians 9:24 . . . Run in such a way that you may obtain the prize. (Also see Heb 12:1-2, 28)*

15. **A Confident, Dependent Perspective.** It will be helpful for you to realize the profound truth of this simple little saying, I can't . . . God can. (II Corinthians 3:5) Apart from God you can do nothing good (John 15:5). Depend on him. Give Him all of the credit. However, you are never separated from the all-powerful God, and you can do things through Christ who strengthens you. (Philippians 4:13)

16. **God Wins!** You are on God's side and God will prevail. (Isaiah 42:13b; Psalm 56:9)

17. **God's Workman.** Ask God to help you to be skillful in your vocation and to even provide supernatural help from above just as God called and empowered Bezalel and the skillful workmen. (Exodus 31:1-11; 28:3,15,27,28; 35:30-35; 36:1,8,35; Ephesians 4:1)

18. **Getting Counsel.** Seek and obtain counsel from godly men. (Proverbs 11:14; 12:15; 13:10; 13:20; 19:20; 20:18; 27:9,17)

19. **Obey and Serve TODAY.** We always live *today*. Tomorrow never comes. It is always today. That means that we must work while there is yet light and we must serve the Lord today. We dare not resign ourselves to waiting to really start serving the Lord until we are settled or we have accomplished a certain task, or we are older, or we have reached the next level. No. We live and we serve today. No exceptions.

20. **No Fear of Death.** Heaven and eternal life are glorious beyond degree. Imagine being in the presence of our precious Savior without the fetters of this sinful flesh. For a Christian to have a morbid fear of death could be an insult to God and to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ which gave us our certain and glorious salvation and eternal life.

21. **Importance.** All of the hustle and striving and pressure and worry of men urgently seek to climb the ladder and to achieve some type of recognition from others is quite silly. Every Christian is given the incredibly high office of being an ambassador of Jesus Christ. Imagine that - to represent the creator of the universe, the King of kings and the Lord of lords! By contrast being President of the United States or the CEO of the largest corporation is such a puny insignificant office. Be a faithful and fruitful ambassador for our precious Savior. (II Corinthians 5:17-20)

22. **Discipline.** Godliness requires discipline. See I Timothy 4:7; Hebrews 5:11-14; Hebrews 12:1,2,11; I Timothy 6:11; II Timothy 2:22; Ephesians 4:22-30; II Timothy 3:16; Philippians 3:12-14.

23. **Blessed.** Oh, how we are blessed! And I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder of this truth! (II Peter 1:13)

24. **STOP WORRYING!!**

Philippians 4:6 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God;*

I Peter 5:7 . . . *casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.*

Matthew 6:25. . . *For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing?*

Matthew 6:27 . . . *And which of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life's span?*

Matthew 6:31 . . . *Do not be anxious, then, saying, What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or with what shall we clothe ourselves?*

Matthew 6:34 . . . *Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

## 25. **Have a Truly Peaceful Heart.**

John 14:27 . . . *Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let now your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.*

Colossians 3:15 . . . *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.*

II Thessalonians 3:16 . . . *Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!*

II Corinthians 1:3-5 . . . *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.*

## 26. **Have CONTENTMENT in Life.**

Philippians 4:11-12 . . . *Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.*

I Timothy 6:6 . . . *But godliness actually is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment.*

## 27. **God's Every Enablement.**

II Peter 1:2-4 . . . Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus, our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

**28. Useful and Fruitful for God - Guaranteed!**

II Peter 1:5-8 . . . Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith, supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**29. Security in the Face of Evil.**

I John 4:4 . . . *You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world [Satan].*

James 4:7 . . . *Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*