

Fighting The Good Fight Of Faith Sun Am 8/21/16

1 Timothy 6:12 (NKJV)

¹² **Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.**

1 You must fight to BELIEVE something.

First you fight to believe what Christ did for you at Calvary. Why is it a fight? It is a fight of faith because the devil will do everything to try to get you not to believe what the Word says.

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV)

⁸ **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.**

Mark 4:1-15 (NKJV)

4 And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat *in it* on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea.

² **Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching:**

³ **“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.**

⁴ **And it happened, as he sowed, *that* some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it.**

⁵ Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth.

⁶ But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away.

⁷ And some *seed* fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.

⁸ But other *seed* fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

⁹ And He said to them, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

¹⁰ But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable.

¹¹ And He said to them, “To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,

**¹² so that ‘Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn,
And *their* sins be forgiven them.’”**

¹³ And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?

¹⁴ The sower sows the word.

¹⁵ And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.

John 10:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ **The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.**

2 You must fight to SAY something; you have to say what the Bible says! When the devil comes along and whispers something in your ear, you need to immediately refute his words or thoughts by saying what the Word says Refuse to say anything except what you believe and what the word says.

Hebrews 10:23 (NKJV)

²³ **Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful.**

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)

²¹ **Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.**

Matthew 12:37 (NKJV)

³⁷ **For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”**

Matthew 15:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ **But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.**

Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV)

²⁹ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Proverbs 13:3 (NKJV)

³ He who guards his mouth preserves his life, *But* he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

3 You must fight to DO something: you must fight to do what the Bible says that you can do.

2 Timothy 4:7 (NKJV)

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Revelation 12:10-11N (NKJV)

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Luke 10:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Romans 8:37-39 (NKJV)

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

