

THE FIGHT:

1 Tim 6:12 "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."

Why would the fight of faith be called a "good fight"? Someone said it's a good fight if you know you've already won. When I heard that I thought that makes sense but how do you go into a fight knowing that you've already won? The answer is simply this if we have God's Word on a matter the fight is as good as won.

Where many Christians loose out though is that they just don't know what the Bible says. The Picture on this newsletter has two images on it, the first is the Bible—God's Word to us, the second is a fencer (swordsman). If we are going to be victorious in 2008 we're going to have to know two things. First, the Word, what it says to us in any given situation, and second, like a fencer, skill in using the sword. In Eph the Word of God is likened to a sword, if a sword is going to be effective the one using it has to know how to get the most from it. Soldiers who used swords needed to know how to use them and how to keep them in excellent condition so that when they went to war they knew their weapon would stand in the test of the battle.

Whenever Israel went into battle and obeyed God's word to them they were victorious, the times they didn't do what God said they were defeated, ultimately to the point of being taken captive by another nation.

As we move forward into another year, my prayer for you is that it will be the best year you've had in every area of life. I pray that the word of God will dwell in you richly (Col 3:16) —to me that's to the point that it is so evident in your life that others take notice. However if it's to dwell in you, it's got to be put in you in the first place, allow it to become part of your thinking so that you see how you can act on it, as you act on it God will cause it to come to pass (Josh 1:8).

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