

Numbers 1:1–3 (ESV) ¹The Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, ²“Take a census of all the congregation of the people of Israel, by clans, by fathers’ houses, according to the number of names, every male, head by head. ³From twenty years old and upward, all in Israel who are able to go to war, you and Aaron shall list them, company by company.

Life Principle: We Must Battle, Like In A War, To Fully Experience God’s Promises And Purposes.

Romans 15:4a (ESV) ⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction....

Matthew 26:52–53 (ESV) ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?

John 18:36 (ESV) ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

Ephesians 6:11 (ESV) ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Romans 7:23 (ESV) ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

1 Peter 2:11 (ESV) ¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

2 Corinthians 10:3–5 (ESV) ³For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

1 Timothy 1:18 (ESV) ¹⁸This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

Numbers 1:53 (ESV) ⁵³But the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the testimony, so that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the people of Israel. And the Levites shall keep guard over the tabernacle of the testimony.”

Numbers 3:38 (ESV) ³⁸Those who were to camp before the tabernacle on the east, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrise, were Moses and Aaron and his sons, guarding the sanctuary itself, to protect the people of Israel. And any outsider who came near was to be put to death.

Life Principal: Spiritual Leaders Must Strive To Protect God’s People And God’s Glory.

1 Timothy 6:20–21 (ESV) ²⁰O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” ²¹for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.

2 Timothy 1:14 (ESV) ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Hebrews 13:17 (ESV) ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Acts 20:28–30 (ESV) ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce

wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

Numbers 2:1–2, 17 (ESV) ¹The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, ²“The people of Israel shall camp each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers’ houses. They shall camp facing the tent of meeting on every side..... ¹⁷“Then the tent of meeting shall set out, with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps; as they camp, so shall they set out, each in position, standard by standard.

Life Principal: God Is Always Present With Us In This Life Journey (Pilgrimage) And In These Life Battles.

Matthew 28:20b (ESV)And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Hebrews 13:5–6 (ESV) ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

Revelation 21:3–4 (ESV) ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling (tabernacle) place of God is with man. He will dwell (tabernacle) with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Numbers 4:46–49 (ESV) ⁴⁶All those who were listed of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the chiefs of Israel listed, by their clans and their fathers’ houses, ⁴⁷from thirty years old up to fifty years old, everyone who could come to do the service of ministry and the service of bearing burdens in the tent of meeting, ⁴⁸those listed were 8,580. ⁴⁹According to the commandment of the Lord through Moses they were listed, each one with his task of serving or carrying. Thus they were listed by him, as the Lord commanded Moses.

Numbers 8:23–26 (ESV) ²³And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁴“This applies to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall come to do duty in the service of the tent of meeting. ²⁵And from the age of fifty years they shall withdraw from the duty of the service and serve no more. ²⁶They minister to their brothers in the tent of meeting by keeping guard, but they shall do no service. Thus shall you do to the Levites in assigning their duties.”

Life Principal: All God’s People Have Differing Parts To Play In Furthering God’s Purposes.

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV) ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace:

1 Corinthians 12:7, 17-18 (ESV) ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good....¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

Numbers 5:11–15 (ESV) ¹¹And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ¹²“Speak to the people of Israel, if any man’s wife goes astray and breaks faith with him, ¹³if a man lies with her sexually, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and she is undetected though she has defiled herself, and there is no witness against her, since she was not taken in the act, ¹⁴and if the spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife who has defiled herself, or if the spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife, though she has not defiled herself, ¹⁵then the man shall bring his wife to the priest and bring the offering required of her, a tenth of an ephah of barley flour. He shall pour no oil on it and put no frankincense on it, for it is a grain offering of jealousy, a grain offering of remembrance, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

Life Principle: God Gave Special Instructions To Help Protect The Vulnerable And Innocent Without Giving Impunity To The Guilty.

Numbers 5:31 (ESV) ³¹The man shall be free from iniquity, but the woman shall bear her iniquity.”