

Marks of a Good Soldier of Christ

2 Timothy 2:3

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Strength

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You, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:1-2

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Endurance

Psalm 46

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Obedience and Unity

2 Timothy 2:1-4

Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 2:3

No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the concerns of civilian life; he seeks to please the commanding officer. 2 Timothy 2:4

<p>The <u>commander's intent</u> describes the desired end state and it must clearly state the purpose of the mission.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in me through their word. May they all be <u>one</u>, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, <u>so that the world may believe you sent me</u>. John 17:20-21</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>I have given them the glory you have given me, <u>so that they may be one as we are one</u>. I am in them and you are in me, so that they may be made completely one, <u>that the world may know you have sent me and have loved them as you have loved me</u>. John 17:22-23</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Obedience Born from LOVE, not DUTY If you <u>love</u> me, you <u>will</u> keep my commands. John 14:15</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Obedience Born from LOVE, not DUTY Jesus answered, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. John 14:23a</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>You Must First <u>HAVE</u> His Commandments The one who <u>has</u> my commands <u>and keeps</u> them is the one who loves me. John 14:21a</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Jesus Sets the Example for Obedience Through On the contrary, <u>so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do as the Father commanded me</u>. John 14:31</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

<p>Obedience is Better than Religious Activity Then Samuel said: Does the LORD take pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in <u>obeying</u> the LORD? Look: <u>to obey is better than sacrifice</u>, to pay attention is better than the fat of rams. 1 Samuel 15:22</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Rebellion is Like Witchcraft Then Samuel said: For rebellion is like the sin of divination [<u>witchcraft</u>]. John 14:23a</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Defiance is like Wickedness and Idolatry and defiance is like <u>wickedness</u> and <u>idolatry</u>. John 14:23b</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Wicked Have No Right to Speak His Word But God says to the wicked: "What right do you have to recite my statutes and to take my covenant on your lips?" Psalm 50:16</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Wicked Hate Instruction You hate instruction and fling my words behind you. Psalm 50:17</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Obedience Brings Communion with God If you love me, you will keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. John 14:15-16</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Obedience Brings Communion with God If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will <u>love</u> him, and <u>we will come to him and make our home with him</u>. John 14:23</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

His Return Ultimately Brings Unity with God
On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me,
and I am in you. John 14:20

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