

## **WAGING WAR – Taking a Stand**

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**John 13:34-35 (NIV)** – “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another”.

“We are to love our neighbor as ourselves, but we are to love our fellow Christians as, Christ loved us, and that is far more than we love ourselves”  
– **Charles Spurgeon**

**Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV)** – “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers”.

**Psalms 72:12-14 (NIV)** - “For He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in His sight”.

**Psalms 68:5-6 (NIV)** - “A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, He leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land”.

**James 1:27 (NIV)** – “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world”.

**Joshua 24:15 (NIV)** – “But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord”.

**Joshua 24:16-20 (NIV)** - Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! It was the Lord our God Himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because He is our God”. Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, He will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after He has been good to you”.

“The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door, and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable” –  
***Brennan Manning***

**Joshua 24:21-24 (NIV)** – But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the Lord”. Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord”. “Yes, we are witnesses”, they replied. “Now then”, said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel”. And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the Lord our God and obey Him”.

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)** – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight”.

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)** – “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ”.