

Fight

1 Corinthians 9:26-I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: (KJV)

Believers must contend with afflictions and temptations putting the soul in peril. Being resolute is necessary in fighting against attacks that bring peril to the soul. Having the mind focused on God's Kingdom and eternal life prevents harm. Loving God completely and not entertaining perilous thoughts brings soundness. The believer's soul is most valuable and merits complete and focused protection. No room for error exists in fighting to protect the soul throughout earthly life. (KJV)

1 Timothy 6:12-Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.: (KJV)

Believers need to train as athletes in the way of the Lord to keep the soul healthy. Fighting against evil corrupting the soul is the life-long challenge for believers. The Lord God provides the strength, reasoning and nourishment to fight well. Victory against evil attacks on the heart, mind and soul comes through strong faith. Loving God reveals the narrow path for the believer to follow to God's Kingdom. The believer's daily fight to protect the soul will affect Christ's final judgment.

2 Timothy 4:7-I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: (KJV)

Believers are expected to fight the good fight of faith throughout each day of life. Repentance and beginning anew are to take place when believer's fail in the fight. While the mind functions well, repentance and fighting for the soul is possible. The Lord rejoices when believers repent and renew the efforts to care for the soul. Finishing earthly life and fighting with strong faith in the Lord is always desired. Remaining true to the baptismal commitment to Christ entails fighting for the soul.

Hebrews 10:32-But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; (KJV)

It is healthy for believers to recall past instances of victory over attacks on the soul. Believers renew their faith in God when remembering God's help in past battles. The Lord is ever-present to aid the believer fighting for purity and care of the soul. The Lord is the source of nourishment and strength for health at the time of battle. God is always in reach of the vigilant fighter seeking to maintain purity of soul. Prayer and fasting prepare the believer for the daily fight against sin and peril.

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