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WINNING OR LOSING AT LIFE, Part 2

1 Timothy 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith!"

1 Corinthians 9:26 (TLB), "I fight to win! I'm not just shadow-boxing."

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (NCV) "Though we live in the world, we do not fight in the same way that the world fights. We fight with weapons that are different from those that the world uses. Our weapons have power from God."

INSIGHT: THE SIDE WITH THE BEST WEAPONS USUALLY WINS THE DAY.

Three weapons every child of God has available in the fight against hell and their flesh nature:

I. GOD'S WORD BUILDS MY FAITH.

***INSIGHT:** You'll never receive from God what you can't conceive by faith (Matthew 9:29).

TRUTH: Faith can cause miracles, accomplish the impossible, and do what others will never see done.

INSIGHT: Faith is not just an offensive weapon to create the future dreams and goals of your life; faith is also a defensive weapon against doubt, despair, and difficulty (Ephesians 6:16 NLT).

TRUTH: When doubt rises up, you need faith in your fight for your soul.

INSIGHT: Inability to live the Christian life is directly connected to a consistent failure to hear the Word of God.

II. GOD'S PEOPLE SUSTAIN ME.

TRUTH: We lose battles for one consistent reason: lack of support.

NOTE TO SELF: NEVER FIGHT LIFE'S BATTLES BY MYSELF.

INSIGHT: The faith of many professing Christians stinks to a lost world, because they're not getting cleansed enough.

III. GOD'S SPIRIT GIVES ME POWER.

INSIGHT: In the battles of 2018 ahead, you need a power greater than yourself if you win (1 John 4:4).

TRUTH: Our culture is in a war with God.

THOUGHT: Prayer is the sign you're depending on God's power and not your power. Much prayer, much power. Little prayer, little power. No prayer, no power.

"What do you want written on your tombstone?"