

# **Men Fit for the Battle**

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## I. Introduction - 1 Chronicles 28:9

A. The Christian needs to have a normal war mentality. Joy comes in the Christian life as a result of victories won.

B. Subject: training men.

C. There are some men that have a life touch that has substance - these are effective where the metallic men are not. This changes lives.

## II. Background.

A. David was at the end of his life, and he gathered all around.

B. He addresses his son Solomon charging him in front of all. He summarizes the heart of the entire walk with God and for God.

## III. Three things that will help make the difference.

A. Keep in touch with God.

1. This is the first great thing that makes the difference.

2. To know God is ultimate reality, and this characterizes the Christian hero. (Jeremiah 9:23-24)

3. The great truths of Scripture must grip our souls.

4. This makes the difference because it is ultimate reality and life. (John 17:3)

5. Knowing God is more than knowing the facts about Him. Reflect on how God has worked in the lives of great men.

6. How to do this.

a. Get away. (Luke 5:16, Psalm 139)

b. The secret is time alone with God.

c. You have to share life with God to share life with others.

B. Serve God with a perfect heart and a willing mind. (1 Chronicles 28:9)

1. This is not being double minded - having two allegiances.

2. This does not mean to be sinless nor does it mean to do what is right.

3. When we fall short, we confess and God cleanses us.

4. You achieve a perfect heart and mind by renouncing what the heart is holding onto - it is renunciation. Second you get your eyes single to the glory of God. Heartaches and trials help also. (James 4:8, Luke 14:33)

C. Simply mean business.

1. God can remove the one who is not serious about his work.

2. God will bring judgment to those who “sow their wild oats.” (Ecclesiastes 11:9)

3. Few People end well.

4. If we mean business, others will get the picture as well.

5. We expect too little.

6. Be spent for others. (2 Corinthians 12:15)

D. Do it - get time and pray for a person.

1. Think of God, His might and His resources and then think about the person whom you are interceding viewing them for what they can be in Christ.

2. Pray Philippians 1:9-11 or Ephesians 1:19 for that person.

3. Get with the person and share the latest on what you have in Christ.

4. When you are close to a person, ask them how they are doing with personal struggles.

5. Get the man into the battle.

6. Suggestions on the lust problem: get the person back to Christ and get him back into the battle. (1 Corinthians 1:11)

7. Write a letter to support the man.

**Application questions**

1. What does it mean to keep in touch with God and how is this applied?

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2. What areas do you lack a business mentality in that you should?

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3. What will you do this week to help another man who is struggling or needs someone to walk along side of him?

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