

Unstoppable
Doing What We Should Do
While God Does What Only He Can Do
“Learning How to Fight”

2 Corinthians 10:1-6

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- A. The Bible is filled with reminders to us that the Christian life will require a great expenditure of effort on our parts.

Heb. 12:1	¹ ...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us...
1 Cor. 9:24	²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.
2 Tim. 4:7	⁷ I have fought the good fight , I have finished the race , I have kept the faith.

God wants us to “run”, “fight,” and to do so in a way “win.” However, He doesn’t want us to do so as the world does.

- B. **How** you fight matters to God.

1. You need to fight with **COMPASSION** and **COURAGE**. (2 Cor. 10:1,2)

2 Cor. 10:1	¹ I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ —I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!
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meekness: the humble and gentle attitude that results in the patient endurance of offenses; power under control

gentleness: refusing to insist on the full measure of one’s legal rights

2 Cor. 10:2	² I beg of you that when I am present I may not have to show boldness with such confidence as I count on showing against some who suspect us of walking according to the flesh.
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Paul imitates Christ. Although he was meek & gentle, he was also ready & willing to be bold if it came down to it.

2. You need to be **CAPABLE** to fight the ***right fight***, in the ***right way***. (2 Cor. 10:3)

2 Cor. 10:3

³For though we walk in the flesh, **we are not waging war according to the flesh.**

Eph. 6:12

¹²For **we do not wrestle against flesh and blood**, but against the **rulers**, against the **authorities**, against the **cosmic powers over this present darkness**, against the **spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.**

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

God provides ALL that we could ever want or need when we choose to fight ***HIS fight***, and to fight ***HIS way***.

3. You need to fight with **CAUTION**, knowing the limits of your commission and your weapons. (2 Cor. 10:4,13)

2 Cor. 10:4

⁴For the weapons of our warfare are **not of the flesh** but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

2 Cor. 10:13

¹³But we will not boast beyond limits, but will **boast only with regard to the area of influence God assigned to us, to reach even to you...**

Since our “fight” is not of this world, the Lord hasn’t provided us with the “weapons” necessary to win a fight like the world does. We run, fight, and win in a way that is different, and for a cause that is different from the world in which we live.

4. You need to have a **CHRIST-CENTERED** target. (2 Cor. 10:5,6,15-17)

2 Cor. 10:5,6

⁵We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and **take every thought captive to obey Christ**, ⁶being ready to punish every

disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

2 Cor. 10:15-17 ¹⁵We do not boast beyond limit in the labors of others. But our hope is that **as your faith increases, our area of influence among you may be greatly enlarged,** ¹⁶**so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you,** without boasting of work already done in another's area of influence. ¹⁷"Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Remember—the fight for our lives and those we're trying to reach is the same; transformed hearts and minds that result in a life of obedience to Christ!