

What You Really Need is.... The Soldier's Separation

2 Timothy 2:1-7

2 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Suffer hardship with *me*, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

“Entangle” Gk. *Empleko*- to inweave; Latin parallel word means “to fold into”- root of our English word “implicate”

2 Peter 2:19b-20

for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved. ²⁰For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

“Soldier in Active Duty” KJV- “Man that warreth”

The call to active duty is to the call to total submission to your commander, and total separation to the mission.

We call this submitting to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, who takes us off the sidelines and into the fight.

A believer can act in one of 3 ways: as a civilian, as a reserve soldier, or as an active duty soldier.

Civilian believers are just waiting for heaven- they do not train in godliness because they do not expect to see combat.

Reserve believers are training a little, but are mentally caught between enjoying freedom and preparing

Active duty believers are all in- they have consecrated themselves for the mission, and submitted to their commander- when they are sent, they seek out and destroy the enemy.

“As an active duty service member, what does it mean to remain unentangled in daily affairs to please your commander?”

Unentangled means maintaining total mental dedication. It means telling your mind what to focus on, and what thoughts it simply must not think.

-Sam Yim, Major, USMC

2 Corinthians 10:5

⁵ *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

Set face as flint

Unentangled means total disconnection from even good things. It means dying to your feelings and the things you care about because the details of the mission demand undistracted focus.

-Megan Yim, Major, USMC

Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Unentangled means leaving your independence behind. "If the Core wanted you to have something, it would have been issued to you."

-Randy Darnell, Weapons Platoon Sargent, USMC

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Unentangled means you must become a specialist; learn the what it takes to do your job really, really well. Then, take your place as a part of a cohesive unit.

-Paul Dearing, Machine Gun Section Leader, USMC

Ephesians 4:16

¹⁶from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Unentangled means embracing sacrifice. In upholding the Constitution for the citizens of our country, we have to temporarily surrender those same rights and get comfortable being uncomfortable.

-Shelby Lasater, Marine Gunner, Chief Warrant Officer 4, USMC Retired

The fight is currently raging. The Lord is calling his army into training, and the ready ones to the battle lines. Will we answer the call?