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NO MAN THAT WARRETH ENTANGLETH HIMSELF IN THE AFFAIRS OF THIS LIFE, THAT HE MAY PLEASE HIM WHO HATH CHOSEN HIM TO BE A SOLDIER.  
II TIMOTHY 2:4

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## THE MILITARY MENTALITY PART 2

**JOSHUA 17:1** THERE WAS ALSO A LOT FOR THE TRIBE OF MANASSEH, FOR HE WAS THE FIRSTBORN OF JOSEPH: NAMELY FOR MACHIR THE FIRSTBORN OF MANASSEH, THE FATHER OF GILEAD, BECAUSE HE WAS A MAN OF WAR; THEREFORE HE WAS GIVEN GILEAD AND BASHAN. [NKJV]

MEN OF WAR GET BLESSED BY GOD. MACHIR IS AN EXAMPLE OF THAT. ALSO, EARTHLY CONFLICT HAS PARALLELS TO SPIRITUAL CONFLICT. In our last Christian Soldier, we looked at the

first three of seven parallels that we can use in comparing the United States of America at war, and the body of Christ at war. We looked at 1) *Rationing*, 2) *Vigilance*, and 3) *Not making yourself an*

*easy target*. In this issue, we'll study the last four of these parallels, and as we do, take a look at your own life, and see where you may need to make adjustments.

## #4 DRILLS

I grew up in the USA during the height of the cold war. Born in 1951, I well remember that as I was growing up, there was always this prevailing fear of nuclear war with the Soviet Union. I remember the Cuban missile crisis of 1962, where for two weeks, our nation teetered on the brink of nuclear exchange with the Communists. My parents, like most Americans, were glued to the TV set for those two weeks, and many people were really thinking this was the end. The fear in the air was tangible. If you are my age or older, I'm sure you remember those days too.

Well, in order to keep the populace ready for a nuclear attack, national and local

government organizations developed drills to teach and train people on how to act or react if there was an actual nuclear exchange. I went to Catholic grade school, and I remember the drills. The nuns would have stop watches, and the students would be timed on how fast they got out of the building and into the playground. Or, how fast we got out of our desks, and crouched underneath. And I also remember the punishment for moving too slow – having your knuckles cracked with a 12" wooden ruler. Ah, grade school – such fond memories!

How many remember the air raid sirens, which would be set off on a regular basis for testing, making sure they were in good

working order. Or, the tone over the radio or the TV, testing the "Emergency Broadcasting System". Remember what the announcer would say after the tone test was finished? *"This has been a test of the emergency broadcasting system. If this had been an actual alert, you would've been instructed by local Civil Defense authorities to seek shelter immediately..., and to keep your radio or TV on and tuned to this station or frequency."* What was the purpose for all of these drills? To keep us ready in case there was an actual attack, so we would know where to go, and what to do. Well, God has told us to run our drills spiritually too!

**JOSHUA 1:8 THIS BOOK OF THE LAW SHALL NOT DEPART FROM YOUR MOUTH, BUT YOU SHALL MEDITATE IN IT DAY AND NIGHT, THAT YOU MAY OBSERVE TO DO ACCORDING TO ALL THAT IS WRITTEN IN IT. FOR THEN YOU WILL MAKE YOUR WAY PROSPEROUS, AND THEN YOU WILL HAVE GOOD SUCCESS. [NKJV]**

How do you run your spiritual drills? By doing what this verse says to do. Meditate in God's word day and night – running your drills, getting ready for the next spiritual attack. Staying sharp in spirit. Getting strong, and staying strong. Do

the drills! Matthew 12:34 tells us that out of the *abundance of our heart*, the mouth will speak. In other words, what is down in your heart the most is what's going to come out your mouth in times of crisis, attack or surprise attack. What you say and

do under fire will reveal what's in abundance within your own heart. By running your spiritual drills day and night, you program your heart, and keep it ready to resist any attack at a moment's notice.

In World War 2, Japanese-American citizens were rounded up with only one or two days notice, and forced to leave their homes, businesses and neighborhoods with only a suitcase or two of personal possessions. This was done mostly on the mainland west coast. They were transported

## #5 INTERMENT CAMPS

to hastily constructed "camps" hundreds of miles inland – in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona. Why were they treated this way? Because the government feared there could be Japanese spies living among us, and because they couldn't be sure who was a spy and who wasn't, they

decided to round them all up, put them in these internment camps, and watch them all at once. Now of course, looking back, we know this was a terrible thing done to genuine American citizens, but for our discussion here, it provides us with a very important parallel. *Identify your enemy!*



## 2 CORINTHIANS 2:11 ...LEST SATAN SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF US; FOR WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS DEVICES. [NKJV]

God's word tells us not to be ignorant of the devil's tactics. Know your enemy: how he thinks and what he's done in the past against you – so you can expect and anticipate his next move. Ephesians 6:12 tells us that our real enemies are not flesh and blood (men), but evil spirits – all kinds of them. Not only that, but realize and remember that these evil spirits use tools

and tactics to gain advantage over you. So, you must recognize your enemy, and no longer waste time fighting other people – turn all your attention to the enemy and his tactics. Strife is an enemy. Pride is an enemy. Jealousy is an enemy. Ungodly thoughts are an enemy. On and on we could go, but understand that feelings or thoughts like these are enemy inspired at-

tempts to steal, kill and destroy in your life. Guard your heart against them. Don't give them place in your life. Be vigilant and know the enemy's tactics so that when they present themselves to you, you can instantly recognize them and resist them in Jesus' Name.

### #6 NO CEASEFIRE, NO TRUCE, NO PRISONERS TAKEN

When our nation has gone to war to win, we have won! Whenever we decided that "winning" was not in the best interest of our country politically, we got into trouble. This was the big mistake of the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Gulf War. In those conflicts, our troops were not allowed to win - they were forced to fight under political rules that only crippled our ability to hand the enemy a crushing defeat. We were fighting with rules, and the enemy wasn't. World War 2 however, was different. Back then, our resolve was much stronger, and our willingness to crush the enemy was much more in play.

When you go to war, *you must go to war to win*. And "win" means you crush the

enemy, and give him no ability to ever mount an offensive against you again. You don't let the enemy escape. You don't let him off the hook. You don't give "holiday cease-fires", where you enjoy the holiday while the enemy has the chance to regroup and reorganize to fight you more effectively once the ceasefire is over. You don't offer a truce – hoping the enemy will be happy and leave you alone from now on. And you don't take prisoners. You kill them all. Does that sound harsh? In our weak, warped and spiritually bankrupt nation these days, it does. But God knows differently, and so did our national leaders during World War 2.

What ended World War 2, the bloodiest

war in history? Dropping the atomic bomb – twice. Almost 70 years later, we've got no shortage of wimps and critics who question our decision to drop such a weapon upon "innocent civilians" and all of that. But experts had estimated that if we had tried to invade mainland Japan with conventional weapons, our military casualties could've been in the millions. Dropping the bomb twice saved *the lives of millions of American and Allied soldiers*, so what's to debate? Are we not at war? Are we not facing a deadly and determined enemy? So if you have the atomic bomb – and can use it to end this horrible war – drop it, and keep on dropping it! Period.

## JUDGES 8:4 WHEN GIDEON CAME TO THE JORDAN, HE AND THE THREE HUNDRED MEN WHO WERE WITH HIM CROSSED OVER, EXHAUSTED BUT STILL IN PURSUIT. [NKJV]

Did you catch that? *Exhausted, but still in pursuit*. We've got the enemy on the run, let's finish him off while we can, while we still have the advantage. Don't allow him a chance to escape and regroup to fight

another day. Do the same with Satan. When you have the upper hand in spiritual conflict, don't let up when the battle turns in your favor. Keep on praising the Lord. Keep on quoting scriptures. Keep on re-

buking the devil. Keep on exercising your authority. Don't stop. Don't let up. Don't give him a chance to even breathe! Crush him in such a way he'll think twice about trying that tactic again against you.



## #7 SPECIAL FORCES

Every army has their "special forces". For the US military, we have Army Rangers, Green Berets, Navy Seals, Delta Force, etc. These are smaller "armies within the army". They're the elite – specially

trained and highly lethal, the best of the best. *You need to surround yourself with spiritual special forces like these!* David understood this, even though he was a great fighter himself. He didn't hesitate to

surround himself with a bunch of soldiers who were just as wild and crazy as he was on the battlefield!

1 CHRONICLES 11:17-19 AND DAVID SAID WITH LONGING, "OH, THAT SOMEONE WOULD GIVE ME A DRINK OF WATER FROM THE WELL OF BETHLEHEM, WHICH IS BY THE GATE!" SO THE THREE BROKE THROUGH THE CAMP OF THE PHILISTINES, DREW WATER FROM THE WELL OF BETHLEHEM THAT WAS BY THE GATE, AND TOOK IT AND BROUGHT IT TO DAVID. NEVERTHELESS DAVID WOULD NOT DRINK IT, BUT POURED IT OUT TO THE LORD. AND HE SAID, "FAR BE IT FROM ME, O MY GOD, THAT I SHOULD DO THIS! SHALL I DRINK THE BLOOD OF THESE MEN WHO HAVE PUT THEIR LIVES IN JEOPARDY? FOR AT THE RISK OF THEIR LIVES THEY BROUGHT IT." THEREFORE HE WOULD NOT DRINK IT. THESE THINGS WERE DONE BY THE THREE MIGHTY MEN. [NKJV]

David had a group of men called the "mighty men". There were 30 of them, and these 3 of the 30 heard him day-dreaming about a drink of cool water from the well at Bethlehem. One problem though: Bethlehem is in enemy-occupied territory. NO PROBLEM for these 3! They fight through enemy lines, spill their blood

and risk their lives – for what? *A glass of water.* Nothing strategic about this operation. No hill to take, no beachhead to secure. David just wanted water from that particular well – so they went and got it for him! David was so shocked at this kind of loyalty, he couldn't drink the water! Where are the special forces like this in

your life? David needed them, and you do too!

The military mentality. Get it, cultivate it and protect it all the days of your life. You're going to need it in these last days, now more than ever!

