

SOLDIERS
OF
CHRIST

2 Timothy 2:4

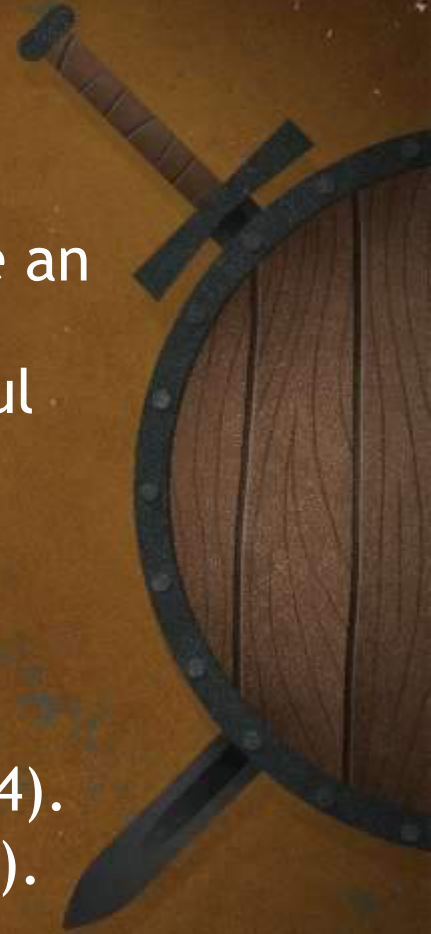
AWARENESS

- Perhaps some didn't understand what was required from the beginning (Lk. 14:31).
- War brings a sense of priority and focus (2 Tim. 2:4).
- War brings allies closer (Phil. 2:25; Phile. 2).
- It brings sobriety and alertness (1 Cor. 16:13).
- Do you sense the daily war without and within (1 Pet. 2:11; Jude 3).
- Do you feel the weight of what is at stake?



THE ENEMY

- Part of awareness is understanding that we have an actual enemy (1 Pet. 5:8).
- He is actively and cunningly gunning for your soul (Eph. 6:16).
- He can win even when you are doing good (Gal. 6:1).
- But our enemy is not visible (Eph. 6:12; 2 Cor. 10:5-6).
- Our weapons will look very peculiar (1 Cor. 16:14).
- We offer amnesty to enemy soldiers (2 Cor. 5:20).



PREPARATION

- Notice the centrality of truth in the armor of God (Eph. 6:14-17).
- It must be part of who we are (Psa. 119:11).
- Teachers and preachers must study with an aim to bring clarity (1 Cor. 14:8).
- How much time do we spend soliciting God's aid in our warfare (Eph. 6:18)?

