

The Guide #2
A Soldiers Growth
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The more you sweat in training the less you bleed in combat. -Munckism

For while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. 1 Timothy 4:8 NIV

1. A Soldier's Growth happens _____

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7 NLT

To train spiritually and grow spiritually you need to daily surrender to what the lord has for you, you need to pray, you need to read God's word, and you need to be fellowship with your brothers. You need a band of brothers.

2. A Soldier's Growth happens _____

As iron sharpens iron so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17 NIV

Military folks understand the importance of working as a unit, platoon, reaction force, or fire team. **We are not an army of one, and in life and as men of God we need that same kind of team, that same brotherhood.** We are more effective together than alone.

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 NLT

3. Soldier's Growth happens _____

"But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back."

But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved. Hebrews 10:38-39

We need to be bold and confident on mission for Jesus. We will be men of God who press forward and gain the promise of God. We will not draw back into old ways, into our old life that existed without Jesus.

FOR DISCUSSION:

What is the hardest training you have ever done?

How do we grow as men, or how do we get better at something?

What does it mean to be rooted in Christ?

Why is accountability and working together so hard for some men?

How are you going to live out your mission for God? What are your next steps?