

The Guide #4
A Soldiers Purpose

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Don't prequalify what someone is going to say to your ask—ask! In the same way, don't prequalify how God will answer your prayer—pray! -Munckism

1. A Soldier's Purpose is _____

No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. 2 Timothy 2:4 NIV

And the one who sent me is with me—he has not deserted me. For I always do what pleases him. John 8:29 NLT

2. A Soldier's Purpose is _____

Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly. "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:7-8 NLT

What does training in Godliness look like:

- Become _____

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. Romans 8:29 NIV

- Get Familiar _____

We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5 NLT

Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. Ephesians 6:13-18 NLT

- Fight _____

The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." 1 Corinthians 12:21 NLT

Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts. 2 Timothy 2:22 NLT

FOR DISCUSSION:

Where did I find my greatest joy as a child?

What are the things that give men purpose? or when are men the most fulfilled?

When your commanding officer or boss asks you to do something, how do you respond?

Why do some men have such a problem with authority?

What can you do today to lean into God's purpose for you?