



Citizens In The Kingdom Have Work

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- ▶ **Colossians 1:13** Translated into a kingdom that would not be destroyed.
- ▶ **Colossians 4:7-11** Fellow-workers in the kingdom.
- ▶ **1 Thessalonians 2:11-12** Walk worthy of God ... called into the kingdom.

We Are Soldiers

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- ▶ **2 Timothy 2:1-3** A good soldier endures hardship.
- ▶ **2 Timothy 2:4** A good soldier pleases his superior.
- ▶ **Philippians 2:25** Epaphroditus a companion in labor and a fellow soldier.
- ▶ **Philemon 2** Apphia, and Archippus fellow soldiers.
- ▶ **1 Timothy 1:18** Timothy to "war a good warfare."

Fight – We Are At War

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- ▶ **1 Peter 2:11** Fleshly lust – war against the soul.
- ▶ **2 Timothy 4:7** Paul fought a good fight.
- ▶ **1 Timothy 6:12** Charged Timothy to fight "the good fight of faith."
- ▶ **1 Corinthians 9:26** Paul fought to win.

Our Warfare Is Not Carnal

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- ▶ **2 Corinthians 10:3** Our warfare is not after the flesh.
- ▶ **2 Corinthians 10:4** Our weapons are not carnal. cf. **Isaiah 2:4**; **John 18:38**
- ▶ **Ephesians 6:17** Sword of the Spirit is our weapon (The Word Of God).

Two Kinds of Fighting

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- ▶ **Offensive:**
 - ▶ We fight against: **Ephesians 6:12**
 - ▶ Fight involves self discipline. **2 Corinthians 10:3-6**
 - ▶ Fleshly lusts. **1 Peter 2:11**
- ▶ **War In The Mind!**

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- ▶ **Defensive:**
 - ▶ **Philippians 1:17** Defend the gospel. *cf.* **verse 7**
 - ▶ **Acts 15:1-2** Defend against error. *cf.* **Galatians 2:5; 1:6-9**
 - ▶ **Jude 3** "contend earnestly for the faith."
 - ▶ **Mark 8:38** Must not be ashamed or afraid. **2 Timothy 1:8; cf. Revelation 21:8**

Requirements For The Work Of The Kingdom ...

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- ▶ **Recruiting:**
 - ▶ This is the work of evangelism. **Acts 8:12; cf. 2 Timothy 2:2**
 - ▶ The "gospel of the kingdom" to be preached by those in the kingdom. *cf.* **Matthew 24:14; Luke 4:43; 8:1; 9:2,11,60**

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- ▶ **Training:**
 - ▶ This is the work of edification.
 - ▶ Preparation necessary. **Matthew 28:20**
 - ▶ Accomplished by reading, studying, and learning the word of God.
 - ▶ Put on the armor of God. **Ephesians 6:12-13**

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- ▶ **Strength:**
 - ▶ Put on the armor of God. **Ephesians 6:12-13**
 - ▶ Be strong. **Ephesians 6:10-14**
 - ▶ Proper food and exercise! **Hebrews 5: 12-14**
 - ▶ Having done all to stand, "STAND THEREFORE."

Requirements For The Work Of The Kingdom ...

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- ▶ **Courage:**
 - ▶ "Stand against the wiles of the devil." **Ephesians 6:11-12**

The Work Of The Kingdom Demands Correction ...

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- ▶ This is the work of discipline.
 - ▶ The Lord is King, "All authority." **Matthew 28:18; Colossians 3:17**
 - ▶ Must walk by the "same rule." **Philippians 3:15**
 - ▶ Correct those who "walk disorderly." **2 Thessalonians 3:6,10-15**
 - ▶ Correct or avoid those to teach error. **Romans 16:17**
 - ▶ Correct those who live immorally. **1 Corinthians 5:1ff**

The Work Of The Kingdom Means Caring For Our Own ... 13

- ▶ **Spiritual needs.**
 - ▶ Those overcome in sin. [Galatians 6:1](#)
 - ▶ Converting those who err. [James 5:19-20](#)
 - ▶ Warning the unruly. [1 Thessalonians 5:14](#)
- ▶ **Physical needs. [This is the work of Revival](#)**
 - ▶ Sharing in times of need. [Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-35; 6:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:13-14](#)

Conclusion: Citizenship In The Kingdom Means Work ... 14

- ▶ Those in the kingdom must preach the gospel, tell others of the benefits in the kingdom, recruit more soldiers.
- ▶ We must train the soldiers of Christ to fight the good fight of faith, guard the faith, earnestly contend for the faith and be set to defend the gospel.