

The Maturing of the Church (Part 21)

2 Corinthians 11:14b

...Satan Disguises himself as an angel of light.

“To those who have fought for it, freedom has a flavor that the protected will never know.”

by P. McCree Thornton in “The Star Spangled Son”

Revelation 12:11 (NLT)

And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.

Acts 16:16 – 18 (NLT)

16 One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the future. She earned a lot of money for her masters by telling fortunes.

17 She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved.”

18 This went on day after day until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and said to the demon within her, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And instantly it left her.

2 Timothy 3:1

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times.

2 Timothy 3:5

They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 (MSG)

I don't know about you, but I'm running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything I've got. No sloppy living for me! I'm staying alert and in top condition. I'm not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself.

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 (NLT)

So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

Psalm 144:1 (NLT)

Praise the Lord, who is my rock. He trains my hands for war and gives my fingers skill for battle.

Ephesians 1:16-17 (NLT)

16 I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly,
17 asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.

Matthew 16:18b

...“I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.”

Matthew 13:31-32

31 Here is another illustration Jesus used: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field.
32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.”

Isaiah 11:9b

...the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14

“For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea.

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