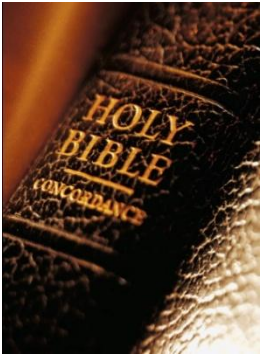
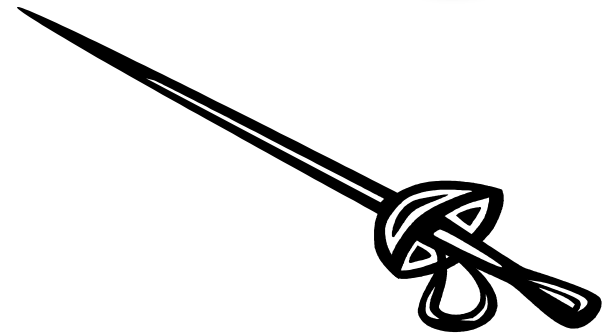


Contending



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The Faith

Christians Are Not To Be Passive

- **1 Timothy 1:18**, “wage the good warfare.”,
- **1 Timothy 6:12**, “Fight the good fight of faith”
- **Ephesians 6:11**, “Put on the whole armor of God”
- **2 Timothy 2:3**, “endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ”
- **Jude 3**, “contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints”
- **2 Corinthians 10:4**, “the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but might in God for pulling down strongholds.”



Why Contend for the Faith?

- **Jude 4**, “ungodly men...turn the grace of God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- **1 Peter 3:15**, “Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”
- **Ephesians 6:11**, “that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil”
- **1 Timothy 6:12**, “lay hold of eternal life”



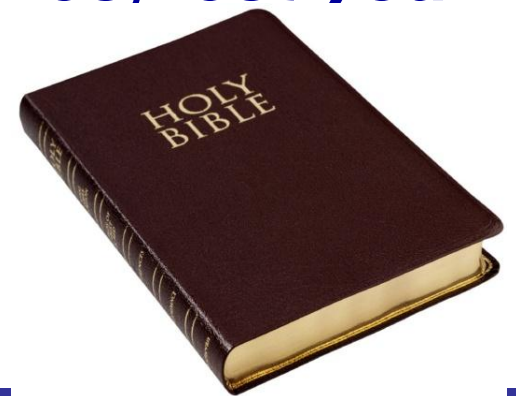
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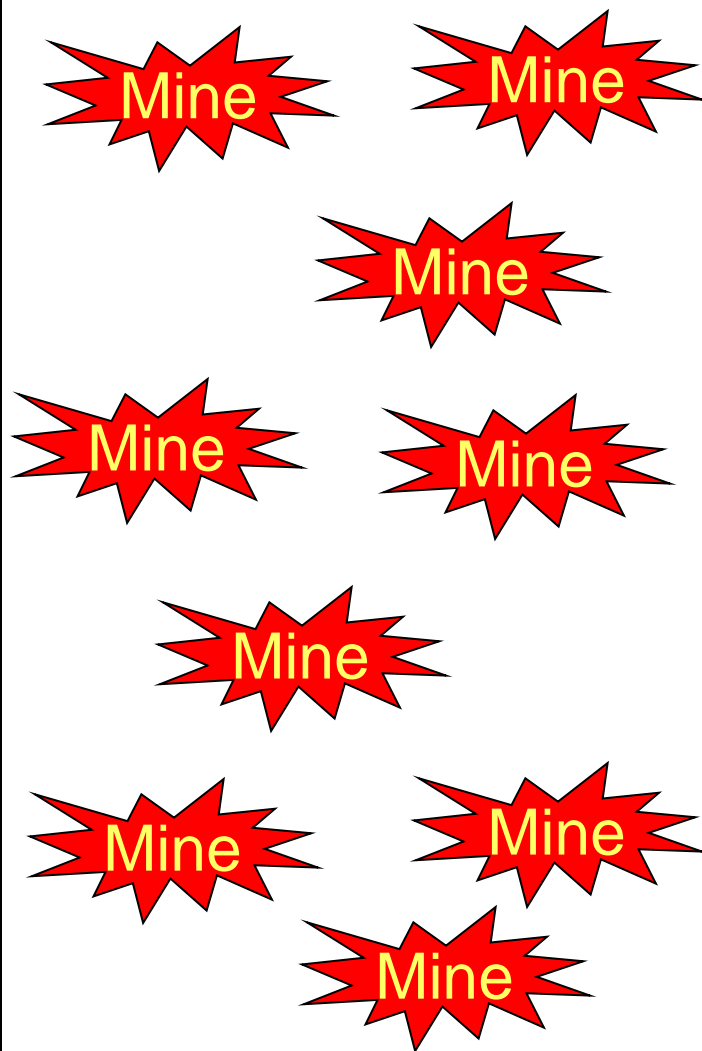
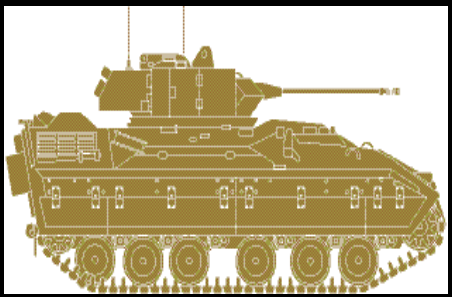
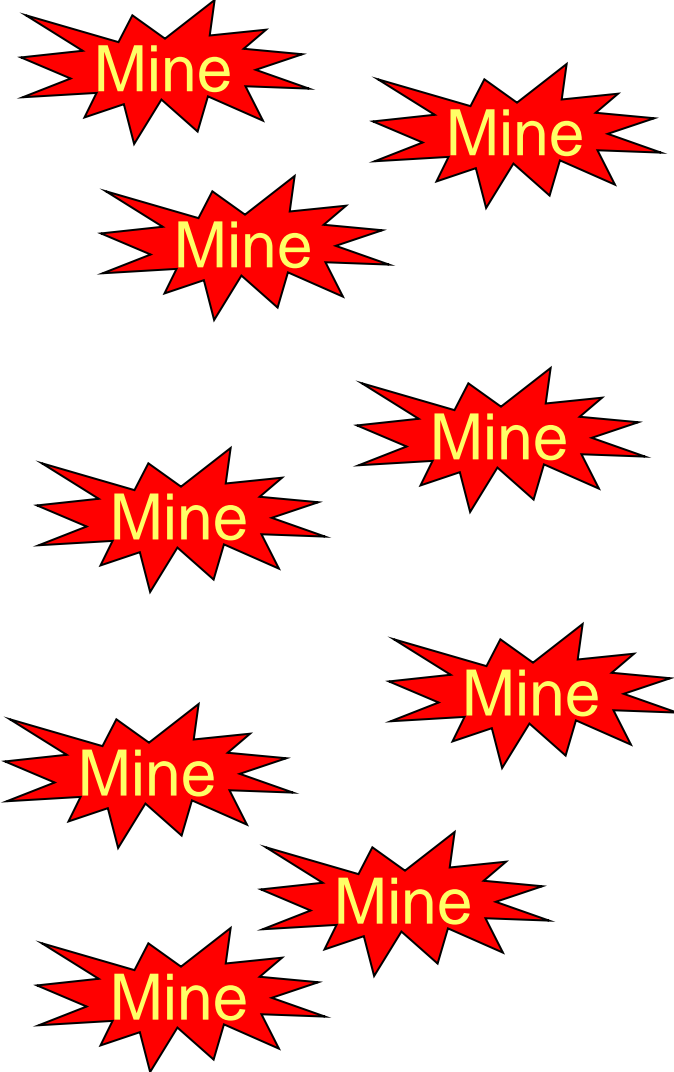


1. Don't count the cost – **Luke 14:31**
2. Fail to identify the enemy – **Matthew 10:36**
3. Underestimate the opponent – **1 Peter 5:8**
4. Not prepared for a real battle – **2 Timothy 2:15**
5. No offensive strategy – **Hebrews 6:11-12**
6. Entangled in worldly affairs – **2 Timothy 2:3-4**
7. Indifference toward the war – **Revelation 3:15**
8. Don't heed the warnings – **Matthew 7:24-27**

Heed the Warnings!

- **Mark 13:5**, *Take heed that no one deceives you.*
- **Matthew 6:1**, *Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them*
- **Mark 13:33**, *Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is*
- **Luke 12:15**, *Take heed...beware of covetousness*
- **Luke 21:34**, *Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.*





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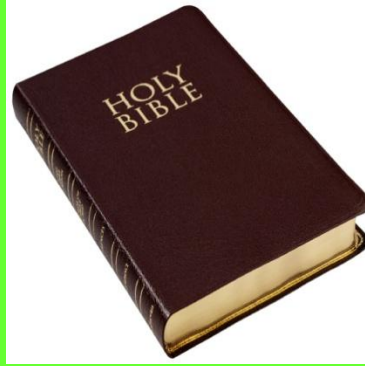
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Conditions For Forgiveness

- Hear the Gospel – **Romans 10:17**
 - Believe the Gospel – **John 8:24**
 - Repent of Sins – **Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30**
 - Confess Faith in Christ – **Romans 10:9-10**
 - Immersed in Water – **Acts 2:38; 8:38**
 - Faithful Until Death, **Revelation 2:10**
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- **Repent and Pray, Acts 8:22**

