

Seven Portraits of an Enduring Leader II

“A Good Soldier”

There are many dynamics to multidimensional leaders.

There are leadership relationships.

You cannot have influence with people you don't have access to.

There is leadership stewardship.

We are stewards of everything, owners of nothing.

There is leadership.

He leads us so that we can lead others.

- There must be a warrior mentality in every leader.

I

A soldier must endure difficulties.

MSG 1 Timothy 2:4 When the going gets rough, take it on the chin with the rest of us, the way Jesus did.

Soldiers will face tough trouble and times of crisis.

NLT 1 Corinthians 1:8 We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. **We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it.**

Sometimes trouble follows us.

Sometimes the warfare is spiritual, demonic, and devilish.

Sometimes the warfare is natural, fleshy, and earthy.

- Keen discernment is always necessary in warfare.

II

A soldier cannot entangle himself with the affair of this world.

Amp **1 Timothy 2:4a** No soldier in active service gets entangled in the [**ordinary business**] affairs of civilian life; [**he avoids them**]

When in the battle, a soldier cannot be distracted.

To be distracted means to have one's thoughts or attention is drawn away.

To be distracted means to be unable to concentrate or give attention to something.

A soldier cannot become mixed up, double-minded, or misfocus.

- Soldiers must maintain a single-minded purpose.

III

A soldier was enlisted to please, obey and carry out the mission of the one who chose him.

MSG **1 Timothy 2:4b** A soldier on duty doesn't get caught up in making deals at the marketplace. **He concentrates on carrying out orders.**

- Roman soldiers maintain rigorous discipline.
- Roman soldiers maintain unquestioning obedience.

Soldiers press to carry out the mission.

KJV **2 Timothy 4:7** I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

- The fight, the focus, and the faith are key for great multidimensional and enduring leaders.