

Soldier's Pocket Bible

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Intro

- A. From Oliver Cromwell's original instructions to his soldiers in Puritan England, then adapted to the use of American soldiers before the War Between the States.
- B. We are soldiers of the Christ. **Ephesians 6:10-20, 2 Timothy 2:2-3**
- C. There 16 points to the pamphlet full of food for thought.

I. A Soldier Must Not Do Wickedly.

- A. **Deut. 23:9** When the host goeth forth against thine enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing.
- B. **Leviticus 26:27, 37** And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, ... ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies. **Deut. 38:25**
- C. Christians likewise cannot succeed against the will of God. **1 Peter 3:10-17; James 4:7-10**
 - 1. Prayers are hindered for men who mistreat their wives, **1 Peter 3:7**.
 - 2. **Philippians 4:9** If we do what the apostles teach us, the peace of God will be with us.

II. A Soldier Must Be Valiant For God's Cause.

- A. Be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles. **1 Samuel 18:17**
- B. Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the Lord do that which seemeth him good. **2 Samuel 10:12**
- C. For the battle is the Lord's and He will give you into our hands. **1 Samuel 17:47**
- D. **Revelation 21:8** the fearful and unbelieving have their part in the lake of fire.
 - **Matthew 10:26-28, 31** fear not them who kill the body
 - **Hebrews 13:6**
 - **2 Timothy 1:7** We are not given a spirit of fear
 - **Philippians 1:14** Emboldened by Paul's imprisonment, speak the Word without fear.

III. A Soldier Must Not Rely on His Own Wisdom, His Own Strength, or any Provision for War.

- A. Lean not unto thine own understanding. **Proverbs 3:5**
- B. By strength shall no man prevail. **1 Samuel 2:9**
 - 1. I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. **Psalms 44:6**
 - 2. We have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee. **2 Chronicles 20:12**
- C. **2 Corinthians 10:3-5** weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty to tearing down of fortresses
 - 1. **Colossians 3:17** Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord.
 - 2. **Matthew 28:18-20** teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you
 - 3. **John 8:31-32** disciples, followers: know the Truth and the Truth makes free.
 - 4. **2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture ... that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

IV. A Soldier Must Put His Confidence in God's Wisdom and Strength

- A. Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. **Ephesians 6:10**
- B. The God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people ... **Psalm 68:35**
- C. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. **Psalm 46:1**
- D. I will go in the strength of the Lord God ... **Psalm 71:16; 1 Samuel 17:45** (David to Goliath)

V. A Soldier Must Pray Before He Goes to Fight.

- A. Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. **Nehemiah 4:9**
- B. And David said, O Lord, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness. **2 Samuel 15:31**
- C. Give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid. **Psalm 86:16.**
- D. Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me. Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help. **Psalm 35:1, 2**
- E. The disciples always prayed before going to face spiritual challenges.
 - 1. **Acts 13:13 ... v. 8** the enemy was Elymas
 - 2. **Acts 1:14** in supplication and prayer before the day of Pentecost
 - 3. **Acts 6:4** the apostles considered it essential that they be devoted continually to prayer and the ministry of the word.
 - 4. **Acts 12:5** the church made prayer without ceasing for Peter when he was arrested by Herod, God sent His angel to rescue Peter and defeat Herod.
 - 5. **Acts 16:16** Paul and Silas were on their way to prayer when confronted by the demon possessed maid, then when in prison for casting out the demon, v. 25, they were praying when God shook the prison doors open.

VI. A Soldier Must Consider and Believe God's Gracious Promises.

- A. And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. **2 Chronicles 20:20**
- B. For the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. **Deuteronomy 20:4**
 - 1. The Lord shall fight for you ... **Exodus 14:14**
 - 2. **Romans 8:28-32** If God be for us, who can be against us?
- C. The Lord your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. **2 Kings 17:39;**
 - 1. **Matthew 10:28** Fear not him who can kill the body, rather fear God who can cast body and soul into hell.
 - 2. **Mark 9:42-47** If you hand, foot, or eye cause you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you.
 - Remember the sinking slave galley, feet manacled to ship were cut off to save their lives.
 - That is desperate fear of offending our God.
- D. Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, o king. **Daniel 3:17;**
 - 1. **2 Timothy 4:18** The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work.
 - 2. **Hebrews 2:14, 15** For this reason Jesus became flesh

E. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. **Isaiah 41:12**

F. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper... **Isaiah 54:17**

VII. A Soldier Must Not Fear His Enemies.

A. When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with .. **Deuteronomy 20:1**

B. Ye shall not fear them: for the Lord your God he shall fight for you. **Deuteronomy 3:22**

C. Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him: With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battle... **2 Chronicles 32:7,8**

D. And fear not them which kill the body.. **Matthew 10:28**

E. 2 Timothy 1:7 The Lord has not given us a spirit of fear.

F. Hebrews 2:17 Deliver those of us who through fear of death were all the time subject to bondage

G. 1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love, love casteth out fear

H. Luke 1:70-75 that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.

I. Revelation 2:10 Fear none of these things which thou shalt suffer: behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

J. Hebrews 13:6 So that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

VIII. A Soldier Must Love His Enemies as They are His Enemies, and Hate Them As They Are God's Enemies.

A. But I say unto, Love your enemies ... **Matthew 5:44**

B. Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? **2 Chronicles 19:2**

C. Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. **Psalms 139:21, 22**

IX. A Soldier Must Cry Unto God in His Heart In the Very Instant Of Battle.

A. When Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind: and they cried unto the Lord ... **2 Chronicles 13:14**

B. And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power ... **2 Chronicles 14:11**

C. When the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the Lord helped him; and God moved them to depart from him. **2 Chronicles 18:31**

X. A Soldier Must Consider that Sometimes God's People Have the Worst in Battle As Well As God's Enemies.

A. 2 Samuel 11:25 The sword devoureth one as well as a another.

B. Ecclesiastes 9:2 All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the

wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath.

C. Joshua 7:4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai.

D. Judges 6:2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel

E. 1 Samuel 4:10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his rent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.

F. Exodus 17:11 And when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

XI. Soldiers and All of us must consider that though God's people have the worst, yet it cometh of the Lord.

A. Isaiah 42:24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD ...

B. Amos 3:6 Shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?

C. Judges 4:2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan

XII. For the iniquities of God's people, they are sometimes delivered into the hands of their enemies.

A. Deuteronomy 29:24 Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger? Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers

B. Joshua 7:10, 11 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them

C. Jeremiah 40:2, 3 The LORD thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place. Now the LORD hath brought it, and done according as he hath said: because ye have sinned against the LORD

D. Jeremiah 1:6, 7 My people hath been lost sheep... All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD

E. Lamentations 3:39 Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?

XIII. Therefore, both soldiers and all God's people upon such occasions must search out their sins.

A. Lamentations 3:40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD

B. Joshua 7:13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

XIV. Especially let soldiers and all of us upon such occasions search whether we have not put too little confidence in the arm of the Lord, and too much in the arm of the flesh.

A. Jeremiah 2:13, 37 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

B. Jeremiah 17:5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

XV. And let soldiers and all of us consider that to prevent this sin, and for the committing of this sin, the Lord hath many times given victory to a few.

A. Judges 7:2, 7 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianities into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand...

B. 2 Chronicles 14:8-11 And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee.

XVI. And Let soldiers and all of us know, that the very nick of the time that God hath promised us help, is when we see no help in man.

A. Genesis 22:14 In the mount of the LORD it shall be see.

B. Exodus 14:13, 14 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today ... The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

C. 2 Chronicles 20:12, 17 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee. Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you...

D. Deuteronomy 32:35, 36 To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste. For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

E. 2 Corinthians 12:9 For my strength is made perfect in weakness

F. Zechariah 4:6 Not my might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

G. Psalm 12:5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

H. Isaiah 33:10 Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

XVII. Wherefore, if our forces be weakened, and the enemy strengthened, then let soldiers and all of us know that we have a promise of God's help which we had not when we were stronger; and, therefore, let us pray more confidently.

A. Isaiah 33:2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

B. Deuteronomy 33:7 Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou an help to him from his enemies.

C. I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge ...

D. Psalm 22:11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

E. Psalm 79:8 O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low.

F. Psalm 35:2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

G. Psalm 79:9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name

XVIII. And let soldiers and all of us know, that if we obtain any victory over our enemies, it is our duty to give all the glory to the Lord , and say:

A. Exodus 15:3,6,7 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name. Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee.

B. Psalm 118:23 This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

C. Joshua 10:14 For the LORD fought for Israel

D. Micah 7:7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD

E. 2 Corinthians 1:10 Who delivered us from so great a death ...

F. 1 Chronicles 29:13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name,

G. Ezra 9:13, 14 ... Seeing that thou are God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this; Should we again break thy commandments ...

H. Psalm 116:9 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living

I. Psalm 119:106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

A Soldier's Prayer

Arise, O Lord, lift up Thy hand; forget not the humble. Give us help from our trouble, for vain is the help of man. Lord, it is nothing with Thee to help, whether with many or with them that have no power!