



Citizens In The Kingdom Have Work

- **Col. 1:23** Translated into a kingdom that would not be destroyed.
- **Col. 4:7-11** Fellow-workers in the kingdom.
- **1 Thess. 2:12** Walk worthy of God... called into the kingdom.

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Work Of The Kingdom Involves Fighting

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

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

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Work Of The Kingdom Involves Fighting

- **2 Cor. 10:3** Our warfare is not after the flesh.
- **2 Cor. 10:4** Our weapons are not carnal. (Cf. **Isa. 2:4**; **Jno. 18:36**)
- **Eph. 6:17** Sword of the Spirit is our weapon (The Word Of God).

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Two Kinds of Fighting

- **Offensive:**
 - We fight against: **Eph. 6:12**
 - Fight involves self discipline. **2 Cor. 10:3-6**
 - Fleshly lusts. **1 Pet. 2:11**

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Two Kinds of Fighting

- **Defensive:**
 - Phil. 1:17 Defend the gospel. (cf. vs. 7)
 - Acts 15:1-2 Defend against error. (cf. Gal. 2:5; 1:6-9)
 - Jude 3 “earnestly contend for the faith.”
 - Mk 8:38 Must not be ashamed or afraid. (cf. Rev. 21:8)

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Requirements For The Work Of The Kingdom ...

- **Recruiting:**
 - This is the work of evangelism. Acts 8:12; (cf. 2 Tim. 2:2)
 - The “gospel of the kingdom” to be preached by those in the kingdom. (cf. Mt. 24:14; Lk. 4:43; 8:1; 9:2,11,60)

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Requirements For The Work Of The Kingdom ...

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

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Requirements For The Work Of The Kingdom ...

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

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Requirements For The Work Of The Kingdom ...

- **Courage:**
 - “Stand against the wiles of the devil.” Eph. 6:11-12

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The Work Of The Kingdom Demands Correction...

- This is the work of discipline.
 - The Lord is King, “All authority.” Mt. 28:18; Col. 3:17
 - Must walk by the “same rule.” Phil. 3:15
 - Correct those who “walk disorderly.” 2 Thess. 3:6,10-15
 - Correct or avoid those to teach error. Rom. 16:17
 - Correct those who live immorally. 1 Cor. 5:12 ff

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

- **Spiritual needs.**
 - Those overcome in sin. **Gal. 6:1**
 - Converting those who err. **Jms. 5:19-20**
 - Warning the unruly. **1 Thess. 5:14**
- **Physical needs.** This is the work of Benevolence
 - Sharing in times of need. **Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-35; 6:1-4**
 - Equality established. **2 Cor. 8:13-14**

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Conclusion: Citizenship In The Kingdom Means Work...

- 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.

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