

**The Soldier's Boot camp of**  
**Character Preparation**

-If we surrender to the Lordship of Christ and choose to follow Him, He will put us into the spiritual boot camp of character formation which is the image of Christ.

-Without initial and continuous character transformation the soldier will be diminished in his ability to overcome the enemy and fulfil God's purpose for himself and the church.

-In boot camp discipline of all aspects of life will be at the forefront. The soldier is a disciple of Christ. A disciplinarian. The fruit of self control will begin to grow in this kind of life.

We must discipline ourselves spirit, soul and body. 1

Cor 9: 26-27

*So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.*

2 Tim 2:4

*No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.*

We must handle temporal necessities but we are not to be entangled in them. They are not to become priorities that overshadow the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

**Matt 6:33**

*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

**Heb 12:10**

*For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.*

-God's boot camp encompasses all of life. Everyday the Spirit will apply the cross to our life in various ways to put the old life to death and bring us more and more into the new life of discipline, humility and holiness.

-The enemy cannot stand before a holy warrior in the image and power of Christ.

**-The soldier's job is to follow Christ everyday in faith and obedience looking to the Holy Spirit for empowering to accomplish this high calling.**

### ***Trained in Truth***

**-The Faithful soldier will be continuously instructed in truth by the Spirit of truth. This is his food as the Holy Spirit is his drink.**

***John 16:13***

***When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth,***

***John 17:17***

***Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.***

**-Through the ministry of the Spirit of truth we will come to an ever deepening true knowledge of who Christ is and who we are in Him. As the soldier allows truth to take hold in him, his faith in the true image of God will deepen and his ability to overcome the enemy will expand.**

***2 Peter 3:18***

***But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.***

***To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.***

**-The new birth and the gift of the Holy Spirit will give the soldier a strong desire for truth which is the true knowledge of Jesus Christ by which he will grow spiritually.**

**-The desire for truth will be maintained as we pursue a personal relationship with the Lord that includes the discipline of prayer and quiet times. Also the Lord can lead us to those pastors, teachers and authors who can feed us spiritually.**

**-Growth in the knowledge of truth requires the practice of truth. Being doers of the word.**

**-The knowledge and love of the truth not only transforms us but is the ultimate defense against the lies, deceptions and counterfeits of the enemy. At the end of the age only those who love the truth will stand against the final deception.**