

## “WAGING THE GOOD WARFARE”

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**INTRO:** Paul charged Timothy to wage the good warfare, implying that Timothy was in a spiritual war (1Tim. 1:18). This was not only true for Timothy, but for all believers (Eph. 6:12). Remember, this is not a war against people, but against the spiritual powers that influence people!

### I. HOW AND WHEN DID THIS WAR BEGIN?

A. We see this war already occurring in Genesis 3:1-15.

1. It involves temptation to sin.
2. It involves challenging & denying God’s Word.
3. It includes false promises of becoming a god and receiving special knowledge (v. 5; 2Cor. 10:4-5).
4. The short-term results of Adam & Eve giving in to this temptation were guilt, shame, fear, withdrawing from God’s presence and blame (3:7-13).
5. The first prophesy in the Bible (Gen. 3:14-15).
  - a. Enmity between the devil and the woman.
  - b. Enmity between the devil and the woman’s seed.
  - c. The devil would bruise Jesus’ heel, but Jesus would bruise the devil’s head (Col. 2:15).

B. The context of this battle is Satan being cast from heaven to earth (Lk. 10:18; Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:11-19; Rev. 12:7-9, 17).

1. After Satan was cast to earth, he began to attack the woman and her seed (the human race).

### II. CHILDREN ARE OFTEN THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF THIS WAR!

A. Old Testament (Ex. 1:15-21; Lev. 18:21; 20:2-5; Ps. 127:3).

B. New Testament (Matt. 2:16-18; 19:13-15; Mk. 9:36-37, 42).

C. About 65 million abortions have occurred in the U.S.

D. In addition to abortion, this war for our children is also raging in the arenas of infanticide, child pornography, pedophilia, sex trafficking of children, gender confusion & mutilation, evil indoctrination, etc.

**CONCLUSION:** Let’s wage the good warfare! Let’s war for our children and future generations of children!