

## “WAGING THE GOOD WARFARE” PT. II

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**INTRO:** We’re in a spiritual war, and we’re called to wage the good warfare (1Tim. 1:18; Eph. 6:12; Gen. 3:15). This is not a war against people, but the spiritual forces working through people. Stay in your lane – don’t break rank!

**I. THE CONTEXT OF THIS BATTLE: SATAN BEING CAST OUT OF HEAVEN (Lk. 10:18; Isa. 14:12-15; Rev. 12:7-9; 17).**

**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).

1. You receive Jesus by how you receive children (Mk. 9:36-37)!

2. A curse is on those who mess with children (Mk. 9:42)!

3. Children shouldn’t be kept from Jesus (Matt. 19:13-15).

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.

**III. JESUS’ ENCOUNTERS WITH EVIL.**

A. His temptation (Matt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13).

1. Jesus was tempted to prove His identity.

2. Jesus was tempted to take a compromising shortcut.

3. Jesus used the Word of God to resist temptation.

4. Three Categories of Temptations (1Jn. 2:15-16):

1) The lust of the flesh – appeals to carnal nature.

2) The lust of the eyes - appeals to eyes.

3) The pride of life - appeals to pride.

B. His casting out of demons (Lk. 8:26-37; Matt. 12:28).

1. They knew who Jesus was.

2. Demons went into a herd of swine – killed themselves.

3. The people of the city were more afraid of the man in his right mind than when demon possessed, and asked Jesus to leave their city (see also Acts 10:38).

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