**Proverbs 14 (1 Timothy 4)**

**HOW WE WIN**

**Proverbs 14:34 (NKJV)** Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

**1 Timothy 4:1–2 (NLT)** Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. **2** These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead.

**2 Timothy 3:1–4 (GW)** You must understand this: In the last days there will be violent periods of time. **2** People will be selfish and love money. They will brag, be arrogant, and use abusive language. They will curse their parents, show no gratitude, have no respect for what is holy, **3** and lack normal affection for their families. They will refuse to make peace with anyone. They will be slanderous, lack self-control, be brutal, and have no love for what is good. **4** They will be traitors. They will be reckless and conceited. They will love pleasure rather than God.

**1 John 4:3 (ESV)** … This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

# **SO WHAT IS THE ANSWER?**

1. **JESUS DELEGATED TO US HIS AUTHORITY**

**Luke 10:19 (NKJV)** Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

1. **HE GAVE US HIS ARMOR AND WEAPONS**

**2 Corinthians 10:4 (NKJV)** For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

**3. HE TOLD US WHO WE ARE FIGHTING**

**Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV)** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

1. **HE SHOWED US HOW THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS IS STRUCTURED**

**Ezekiel 28:2; 6–8; 11–12; 14–15 (NKJV)** “Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Because your heart is lifted up, And you say, ‘I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, In the midst of the seas,’ Yet you are a man, and not a god, Though you set your heart as the heart of a god **…** **Verse 6** ‘Therefore thus says the Lord God: “Because you have set your heart as the heart of a god, **7** Behold, therefore, I will bring strangers against you, The most terrible of the nations; And they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, And defile your splendor. **8** They shall throw you down into the Pit, And you shall die the death of the slain In the midst of the seas. **… Verse 11** Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, **12** “Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. **… Verse 14** “You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. **15** You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

**Daniel 10:2–20 (NKJV)** In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. **3** I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. **4** Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris, **5** I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! **… Verse 10** Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. **11** And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling. **12** Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. **13** But **the prince of the kingdom of Persia** withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the **kings of Persia**. **14** Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days **… Verse 20** Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.

1. **HE TOLD US WHAT OUR ULTIMATE ASSIGNMENT IS**

**Matthew 28:19–20 (NLT)** Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

**SO WE NEED TO DO FOUR THINGS…**

1. **WE NEED TO PRAY FERVENTLY**

**James 5:16 (NLT)** … The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

1. **WE NEED TO VOTE AND HELP OTHER BELIEVERS VOTE**

**Matthew 5:13 (NKJV)** “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? …

1. **WE NEED TO DISCIPLE EVERYONE WE CAN**

**Matthew 28:19 (NLT)** Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations…

1. **WE NEED TO START “PRAYING, DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCHES” EVERYWHERE**

**Acts 9:31 (NKJV)** Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, **they were multiplied**.