#### Living As A Good S.O.L.D.I.E.R. Of Christ

About 1,355,000 American Military Persons have given their lives for us!

2 Timothy 2:1-4 - You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. Endure hardship with us like a <u>good soldier</u> of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a <u>soldier</u> gets involved in civilian affairs--he wants to please his commanding officer.

## (1) S - STRONG!

Vs.1. - You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

## (2) O - OBEDIENT!

Vs.2. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

Heb. 5:9 "And being made perfect, he (Jesus) became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;"

## (3) L - LOYAL!

Vs. 4b. - he wants to please his commanding officer.

Loyal = Faithful in allegiance to duty or to a person!

#### (4) D - DEFENDER!

Eph. 6:10-14a Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then...

# (5) I – INDIVISIBLE!

v.4 "No one serving as a <u>soldier</u> gets involved in (KJV -entangled in) civilian affairs—

## (6) E - ENDURING!

Matt. 10:22 - "All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved."

Matt. 24:12-13 - Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

## (7) R - READY!

A soldier can never let his guard down ... He must always be ready to fight!

- 1 Tim. 6:12 "Fight the good fight of faith,"
- 2 Tim. 4:7 "I have fought a good fight, I ..."

James 4:14 "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."