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## PROPHESIED for NOW!

**The most important event for humanity in eighteen hundred years is occurring today as prophesied!**

**by Herbert W. Armstrong**

**T**HIS is a *terrible* world, today! God-defying Russia juggernauting on to rule the world—or destroy it! The hellish H-bomb is *here!* Cold war. Hot wars. Yes, *war*—and FEAR OF WAR that can wipe human life from the earth!

It's all **PROPHESIED!**

But **WHY?** Why does God *allow* such chaos? **WHY** did He foretell it?

All these tremendous world events are merely the climax of a *system* men have been allowed to build up on the earth—the "*kosmos*"—this present evil world. It is part of the working out of GOD'S **PURPOSE** here below! It is the **CRISIS** at the close of this age—*this world!*

Yet, unnoticed by the powers of this world, is occurring now a **FAR MORE IMPORTANT** event for the future of mankind than any of these political and military movements that fill front pages and newscasts. This, too, God has foretold! It is of *vital concern* to YOU!

### Most Important Event on Earth

The most important activity on earth today is *not* what the Kremlin is plotting or doing. It is *not* allied military preparedness nor the development of the terrifying H-bomb. It is *not* the Korean war nor the shadow-boxing side-show burlesque pretending to affect a truce. It is *not any* of these things being done by the **BIG POWERS** of THIS WORLD.

These world-shaking human events are *playing their part* in the unfolding of GOD'S **PLAN** for fulfilling HIS **GREAT PURPOSE** here below. But their part is

temporary. It will come, and go. It will soon be **ALL OVER**—and **GONE FOREVER!**

These fearful world events are the inevitable result of six thousand years of wrong living under human-devised government in defiance of the rule of God. God ordained that men should be allowed this six thousand years of full sway in the direction that has seemed **RIGHT** in human eyes, to demonstrate forever the awful suffering it would bring. The terrible lesson has been written in human anguish. It has now reached its climax—the **CRISIS AT THE CLOSE** of this age.

These events, which fill human minds, occupy human interest, will soon be past and relegated to the limbo of the lessons of ancient history.

A **FAR MORE IMPORTANT** activity has started on the earth, and today is progressing in ever-increasing momentum, now beginning to **SWEEP THE EARTH!**

### God's Intervention

God has not intervened in the affairs of men during these six thousand years, except imperceptibly, to the world, on certain occasions. Yet in His way and His times, God has intervened. God sent the flood to destroy a corruption that would have destroyed humanity. God saved Noah and his family; He called Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; He sent plagues to teach the Egyptians a lesson and release the children of Israel; He set up His material government and church in Israel and allowed that nation to re-

ject them; He sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world **WITH HIS MESSAGE FOR MANKIND**—the **GOOD NEWS** of the **KINGDOM OF GOD**—the **greatest single** event in world history, which went unnoticed by the powers and leaders of this world.

Caesar on his throne took no notice of Jesus Christ or His **MESSAGE FROM GOD FOR MANKIND**. The world in general of that day knew nothing of Jesus. The "authoritative" historians of this world would have taken no notice of Jesus Christ whatsoever, had not pagan fifth-columnists infiltrated inside the fellowship of Jesus' followers, and taken over what they called the "Christian Church," substituting counterfeit doctrines and practices, and putting the **CHRISTIAN** label on the world-popular paganism, falsely claiming Jesus Christ as the founder of their apostate religion!

Jesus proclaimed **THE KINGDOM OF GOD**—the only hope of doomed humanity—but the world covered it up with their pagan superstitions, which have *masqueraded* as "Christianity," deceiving the entire world, making all nations spiritually **DRUNK** on these counterfeit teachings, until the world's spiritual eyes are bleary.

### God's Final Intervention

It was part of God's purpose to allow this Great Delusion. This world must **learn**, once for all eternity, **HOW wrong** are its ways, its thoughts, its teachings.

But now, once in the **END** of this age,

just before God takes all power and authority and rule away from mortal man forever, God's last and final intervention in the affairs of THIS WORLD is occurring before your very eyes!

The disciples had come to Jesus privately to ask Him about the future.

He opened His mouth and gave them the MOST IMPORTANT PROPHECY of His entire ministry on earth.

They had asked Him about the terrible events of this CRISIS AT THE CLOSE of this Age, and of HIS COMING, and of THE END OF THIS WORLD.

And what did He foretell?

1) Apostasy, false teaching, accepting Him, proclaiming Him as Christ and Saviour, yet deceiving the world. How? As Jude says, by turning GRACE into LICENSE.

2) Wars and rumors of wars, finally climaxing in a series of WORLD WARS, of which we have had the first two.

3) Famines,

4) Pestilences, and earthquakes.

5) THE GREAT TRIBULATION—which, when coupled with the many other prophecies, means the invasion and captivity of the United States, Britain, and the democratic nations, their terrible enslavement, and the persecution and martyrdom of those who hold true to the Word of God and His Commandments except for those who have watched and prayed enough to be accounted worthy to escape and come under God's divine protection.

6) The signs in the heavens, immediately followed by

7) The DAY OF THE LORD — the PLAGUES of God poured out on a sinning world IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST AT HIS SECOND COMING.

However, inserted in His words regarding the Great Tribulation, Jesus said that "ere this" (Moffatt translation, Mark 13:10)—that is, just before the Great Tribulation—"this GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM shall be preached (Mark, *published*) in all the world for a witness unto ALL NATIONS; and then shall the END come." (Matt. 24:14).

God's last and FINAL intervention in the affairs of men in this world—prior to His taking authority and rule completely out of human hands—is the PROCLAIMING OF THE SAME GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S KINGDOM which God sent, 1900 years ago, by JESUS CHRIST.

The world rejected and CRUCIFIED God's Messenger who brought that Message to the world—the world's ONLY HOPE! The world buried the Message under an avalanche of pagan superstition and deception, which have masqueraded as "Christianity."

TODAY GOD ONCE MORE IS HAVING THAT SAME MESSAGE PROCLAIMED TO THE WORLD!

### Most Important Work on Earth

Our human minds cannot fully comprehend the overwhelming significance. But God has called US—given US—you readers—you co-workers—the unprecedented privilege of being used as His servants—His instruments—in sending out HIS MESSAGE to all the world!

Jesus said, as recorded by Matthew, it should be "*preached*." He also said, according to Mark's account, it shall be "*published*"—in print!

How significant that in these last days God has seen to it that the mass-reaching power of RADIO and the PRINTING PRESS is at our disposal!

Today, by these tremendous powers, we can reach MILLIONS of people with God's Message where only hundreds could be reached 1900 years ago!

THIS IS GOD'S DOING!

Twenty years ago, I began preaching *this Message*—the BIBLE TRUTH—in a little country school-house eight miles west of Eugene, Oregon. A man said to me, "Mr. Armstrong, you won't get anywhere preaching the PLAIN TRUTH of the Bible like you're doing. The people won't support it, and it takes money to keep going." I replied that I had renounced all salary from men, had been called of God, was working for HIM as His minister, and I would TRUST GOD to supply the need. The man smilingly shook his head in sympathy. True, my family didn't have enough to eat at the time, but God did begin to supply that and every other need.

The owner of the local radio station, smallest in the world, invited me to start a half-hour radio program, at the low cost of \$2.50 per week. Friends pledged \$1.25 per week. I trusted God in faith for the other \$1.25 per week. We paid in advance. One day, an hour before broadcast time, we lacked the money to go on the air. A man I hardly knew rode up to our front door on a motorcycle and handed me the money. There have been many such incidents thru the years, as this greatest work on earth, gradually and continually growing—ever growing larger and more powerful, has swept on to its present scope and power.

After a year or two we were able to add another small 100-watt station in Portland, Oregon. In another year, a very small station in Seattle. Then a larger station in Portland, then a Spokane station, then a larger station in Seattle and a still more powerful station in Portland.

In nine years this work of proclaiming THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM multiplied in size, power and scope THIRTY TIMES larger than at the end of the first year. After nine more years it had multiplied thirty times the size of its ninth

year. Now, in two more years, it is three times larger than two years ago and still growing in multiplied acceleration!

By 1942 we went on the air in Los Angeles over a strong Hollywood station. Later that year we were heard Coast to Coast over super-power (50,000-watt) WHO, Des Moines. Six months later the program went on 50,000-watt WOAI, San Antonio, and two years later on 150,000-watt XELO. In another year or two XEG had become the most listened-to super-power station in North America, and the program went on that station and XELO EVERY NIGHT, seven nights a week. Later, such great stations as XERF, XERB, WAIT Chicago, and others were added, until many MILLIONS in every state in the Union and most of the provinces of Canada and all Mexico were hearing THE GOSPEL JESUS PROCLAIMED.

### And NOW—ALL EUROPE!

And now at last, in this fateful year 1953, "The WORLD TOMORROW"—which is modern language for THE KINGDOM OF GOD—is heard on the most powerful station in all Europe—the giant, super-power 150,000 watt RADIO LUXEMBOURG.

When Mrs. Armstrong and I were in Britain and Europe in 1947, I investigated every opportunity available for carrying THIS GOSPEL quickly, powerfully, to ALL THE OLD WORLD. There simply was no way open. The only avenue I could find open was to advertise in WANT-AD columns of British newspapers! It seemed God had forsaken us! I knew by then He had called us to preach and publish HIS MESSAGE to the world.

But HOW?

All the radio stations were government-owned, and closed to us. I knew God would open, and show us the way—though it was not yet apparent to us.

Meanwhile, the great RADIO LUXEMBOURG was opened, with the finest German Telefunken equipment, which brings the station's programs in over European radio sets FAR more clearly than our American listeners can hear the program.

At first there was no time available. Then a time opened to us. It is not the best time—it is the POOREST time of the week. I did not know this until we had been on the air over there some weeks. But we are now on a band broadcasting only French-language programs (except for ours), and in the middle of Thursday afternoons (4:15 to 5:45 P.M. until October 1st, when it is to be moved to one hour earlier).

However, the important thing is that WE ARE ON THE STATION. As soon as

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### Prophesied for Now

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better time opens, we shall be moved to an hour giving many times more listeners, and also time for French and German-language broadcasts by Richard D. "Dick" Armstrong and Herman Hoeh.

Dick Armstrong is now in London, making all preparations for the personal ministry to Britain, France, and all Europe, following up the broadcast.

#### Starting AROUND THE WORLD

God always starts things the smallest possible way thru human agencies. But like the grain of mustard seed, GOD'S WORK ALWAYS GROWS INTO THE LARGEST. Already radio time is being offered to us on other super-power stations reaching North Africa, South Africa, the Middle-East, India, the Far East and all China, Australia, and all South America.

WHEN shall the END of this world come?

It shall come WHEN "this Gospel of the Kingdom" has gone around the world, as a WITNESS unto ALL NATIONS! It is ON THE MARCH, around the world!

THIS IS PROPHESED! This is the VERY WORK OF GOD! This is THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITY ON EARTH TODAY!

This work of God will continue long after the Kremlin has decayed in ruins and been forgotten. It will continue long after all WAR preparations have ceased, and when "they beat their swords into plow-shares, and men shall learn war NO MORE."

This is the work that is *changing men's lives* by the thousands! It is PREPARING THE WAY for the KINGDOM OF GOD! It is the VERY world event prophesied for NOW!

# How to PREVENT Sin

by Herbert W. Armstrong

DO YOU realize that if it is wrong to do a certain thing, it is wrong to harbour THOUGHTS of that thing in your mind?

"All have sinned," says the Scripture.

What is sin, anyway?

Satan ought to know—and he is the invisible influence who sways the course of this world. Hollywood is considered by many as the world's mecca of sin. On the newsstands in Hollywood may be found a very worldly booklet, written in a very light, "breezy," and satirical vein, titled "How to Sin in Hollywood." It gives a very worldly definition of sin—perhaps the definition of the very devil who devotes his time to enticing people into it. The definition is expressive, and not far from the truth. Here it is: "Sin is *thinking thoughts* you ought not to be thinking about things you ought not to be doing while you are *thinking* that kind of thoughts."

God's definition is: "Sin is the transgression of the law." (1 John 3:4). The law of "LOVE," as defined by the Ten Commandments. Jesus said: "That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness (violations of the law—the Ten Commandments)". (Mark 7:20-22).

"ALL have sinned," says the Scripture. And what man—especially what Christian, is there who has not time and again experienced the struggle against sin described by the Apostle Paul? "What I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that I do . . . For the good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." Who is there who has not LOST that struggle, perhaps many times?

Of course no man, of himself, can live above sin. "With men it is impossible," said Jesus, "but with God all things are possible." And Paul continues (Romans 8) to show that the only DELIVERANCE from this "body of death" is thru Jesus Christ, and the indwelling power of God's Holy Spirit—"that the RIGHTEOUSNESS of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit . . . for as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Yes, but we have OUR part in it, too. And it all centers in the MIND.

REPENTANCE of sin means, literally, to change one's mind in respect to sin. If we repent, and accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, the promise is we SHALL receive

the gift of the Holy Spirit . . . "and be renewed in the Spirit of your mind" (Eph. 4:23)—the presence of the Holy Spirit is the RENEWING of the mind.

How does sin actually happen? "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust (desire), and enticed. Then when lust (the desire IN THE MIND) hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." (James 1:14-15).

The TEMPTATION is in the mind. When you think about the thing that tempts you—let your mind dwell on it—turn it over in your mind—whether it be a desire to GO someplace, to DO something, or to HAVE something you know is wrong—that *thinking about it* finally conceives—leads to action—and breeds SIN. You finally DO the thing you kept thinking about, wanting to do. If you keep thinking about it, after a while you'll be UNABLE to resist it. That's why you've lost so many of these struggles against sin—you kept *thinking* about it, desiring it, wanting it.

The way to prevent sin is to let God's Spirit fill the mind. "Set your affection on things above, nor on things on the earth." (Col. 3:2).

The way to put a thing OUT of the mind is to put an *opposite* thought IN the mind. So often I have noticed parents of babies strive so hard to "shush" up the baby when it is crying in church. There's something in the baby's mind that is causing its crying or fretting. Just saying "Shush!" or commanding the baby to stop fussing doesn't usually get very good results. We have raised four children, and long ago I learned the trick of quieting the baby by *getting its mind on something else*. Instead of commanding it to stop crying, attract its attention with some new object—get it interested in playing with that object (I have often used my fountain pen with excellent results)—and before you know it the child will forget all about its crying.

Try using this same method on yourself. But instead of material or worldly things, a mature person should use self-discipline and set his mind on spiritual things. Open your Bible. Put the study of some *spiritual* subject in your mind. Next time you are tempted, try it. Pray over it. Ask God to help you. See how rapidly you begin to win the victory over temptation and sin, and how marvelous will be your spiritual and CHARACTER growth.

# True Spirituality

## What Is It—Do You Know?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**H**OW OFTEN do we hear one say, "He is *so* SPIRITUAL"; . . . or, "Those people are not very spiritual." What *is* true spirituality—do you know?

We need, just now, to be warned against being deceived into a false standard of spirituality. We need to examine the true scriptural standard.

### Four Things Usually Accepted As Sure Evidence

There are four things generally regarded as sure evidence of a spiritual mind.

1. Speech, noise, emotion, demonstration.
2. Knowledge of the Scriptures.
3. "Faith."
4. Rigid standard of righteousness.

It will prove interesting, and profitable, to take a brief look at each, and measure according to the scriptural standard.

1. The most commonly accepted evidence of spirituality is the way people talk, write, or demonstrate.

Some people have deliberately cultivated spiritual-sounding language. Or, perhaps, they have unconsciously acquired the habit of using "spiritual" sounding expressions. People say, "My, isn't Brother so-and-so *spiritual*?"

Many think a church service does not amount to anything unless there is more or less noise, mass enthusiasm, and a great deal of emotion worked up and visibly expressed. They never enjoy a sermon, no matter how edifying, unless the preacher is full of certain emotional enthusiasm, fluent in the accepted spiritual phraseology, and able to generate in his audience the usual emotional reactions and outbursts expected in this type of meeting. If such things are present, these folk enjoy themselves immensely, whether they learn anything really worth while or not.

Usually the advance announcements of such meetings assure the people of the "big time" they are going to have. And they go away talking about the "fine time" they enjoyed.

### Getting a Right Balance

This is not to discount or to criticize the natural emotional expression resulting spontaneously from a genuine spiritual experience, or the true spiri-

tual language springing naturally from an honest heart. Far from it.

Some people are naturally emotional. Some are not. We shall see from the Scriptures that emotion and spiritual phrases of themselves are not the essence of spirituality. They may be the natural result, the honest and spontaneous expression of it; or, if deliberately generated and "worked up," put on for show and effect, they may be only its counterfeit. And the sad part is that those who deal in counterfeit always *insist* they have the genuine. "By their *fruits*," Jesus said, we shall KNOW.

It is important that we get a right balance.

### Other Snares and Pitfalls

2. The second class is well indoctrinated. Usually these people do not believe in much, if any, noise or any spiritual manifestations. They have a great deal of head knowledge, but most of this class have a great deal of misunderstanding, and often they have queer personal theories and hobbies resulting from misapplied, wrongly divided Scriptures.

They love to try to trap and corner others with the Scriptures, and especially do they delight in it if they are able to corner some minister. Arguing Scripture is their one great interest in life.

These misguided people believe their arguments, contentions, and beliefs will win their eternal salvation, without real repentance, or living a surrendered, righteous life in Christ Jesus, showing the fruits of the Spirit in their lives.

### Saved by Faith Alone

3. And then there is the "faith" group. These say they are saved "by FAITH, and faith ALONE." They are not so much concerned about the Holy Spirit, and seldom mention such things as repentance, utter surrender, or any need of submission and obedience to God's will.

Their religion never works any miracle-changes in their lives. Since "Jesus died for our sins," we do not have to obey. "Just BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," is their sole condition to salvation. The invitation of the ministers of this group is "Give the preacher your hand, and the Lord your heart."

And when, later, you ask such "converts" what they did—what really hap-

pened—when they "gave the Lord their heart," they usually just look blank. They do not know. It really did not MEAN anything. It was merely a FORM. The churches of this class should be called social clubs—they are not soul-saving institutions.

### The Self-Righteous Christian

4. Finally, there are those whose spirituality consists of a rigid standard of righteousness. In fact they usually are so strict about following God's commandments that they fall into the error of keeping the strict LETTER of the law in their own strength. They are scrupulously honest, severely punctual, critically exact. But, as Paul said of the strictest sect of his day, they are "going about to establish their OWN righteousness," and have not "submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." (Rom. 10:3). And they are usually harsh, stern, critical, intolerant of those who do not live up to their particular ideas of the standard of righteousness.

### The True Scriptural Standard of Real Spirituality

Now, let us turn to God's Word, and humbly seek to learn what is GOD'S standard of spirituality.

Of the true spiritual mind, God says to us, through Paul, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 2:5).

But HOW can you have the mind that was in Christ Jesus in YOU? Jesus says: "Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart) and knock: if any man hear my voice, and OPEN the door, *I will come in to him.*" (Rev. 3:20). And Jesus meant exactly what He said! He will come in, through His Spirit, and literally LIVE His life of true righteousness in you, if only you will surrender all of SELF and let the blessed Saviour IN.

"For ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, IF so be that the Spirit of God dwell IN you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, HE IS NONE OF HIS." Unless His Spirit abides within you, living His life of true righteousness in you, you are not a real Christian! "And if Christ be IN you, the body is dead because of sin: but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." (Rom. 8:9-10).

When God first begets us as His chil-

dren, he takes us who have been proud, worldly, sensual, disobedient. His ultimate aim is to make us like unto Himself. This transformation (not *reformation*) is a tremendous undertaking. It requires a miracle.

God stands pledged, upon real thorough repentance, and faith in Christ (Acts 2:38) to start the performance of this tremendous miracle by putting His Holy Spirit literally WITHIN you! But God will work the complete change in your life ONLY if you are willing to SUBMIT to the process! The FIRST condition is real, deep, thorough repentance. You will have to be willing to accept correction and repeated chastisements at His loving hands, for "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." (Heb. 12:6).

The Spiritual mind is the *surrendered, yielded* mind. It is the mind that has given up all wanting its own way. It is the mind that has been thoroughly CONQUERED in its rebellion against God. It is the mind that, henceforth, is *willing* to obey God, no matter what the cost, and which continually studies God's Word, not to argue and strive and corner others, but to *learn* more of God's will, and to WALK in it! It is a mind FILLED to overflowing with real LOVE for God and all fellow men—even one's enemies—and which has sympathy, patience, and kindness for others in their ideas and beliefs, their faults and mistakes, which speaks softly, gently, kindly; which seeks only to help and to serve. It is the mind that has DIED to SELF.

### True Spirituality

The real spiritual mind can say with the Apostle Paul: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; *yet not I*, but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME." (Gal. 2:20). When you can say that, then you have the mind that was in Christ Jesus.

The real spiritual mind is a SOUND mind! "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of *power*, and of *love*, and of A SOUND MIND." (II Tim. 1:7).

To those being carried away with a false and pseudo-spirituality, where real manifestations of the Spirit were being counterfeited by DEMONSTRATIONS of SELF in a fanatical emotionalism, Paul, correcting them, said: "Brethren, *be not CHILDREN in understanding*." (I Cor. 14:20.)

True, Paul said to these same Corinthians, "I would that ye all spake with tongues, BUT," he added, "*rather* that ye prophesied (preached): for *greater* is he that prophesieth (preaches) than he that speaketh with tongues." (I Cor. 14:5).

True, Paul said to those overly-emotional Corinthians "I speak with tongues more than you all, YET," he continued, "in the church I had rather speak five

words *with my understanding*, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue." (Verses 18-19). And also he said, "God is not the author of confusion," and "Let all things be done decently and in order." (Verses 33, 40).

Let us get a proper balance. Let us get things in the position of their relative *scriptural* importance.

"By their FRUITS," not by their tongues, their language, their emotion, their ability to argue, their empty profession of faith, their self-righteousness, said Jesus, shall we KNOW their true spirituality.

And the true FRUIT of God's Spirit is "Love" first of all, then "joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." *These things*, expressed in living character, determine true spirituality.

These things are the expression of "the LOVE of God, shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5),—and thus the Holy Spirit *in us* is simply GOD'S LAW *in action*, in our lives; for LOVE is the fulfilling of the Law. And that, and that alone, is true Christian spirituality.

### The Four Substitutes

REAL Spiritual-mindedness is the mind of LOVE, for God is LOVE.

So let us review our four SUBSTITUTES for spirituality in the light of God's Word.

1. "Though I *speak* with the *tongues* of men and of *angels*, and have not LOVE, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." (I Cor. 13:1). Did you ever hear one speak with the tongues of ANGELS? Spiritual TALK, "tongues," or "manifestations," are only a lot of wind, or a noise like beating old tin pans, *if you have not LOVE*.

2. "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and ALL KNOWLEDGE:" and,

3. "Though I have ALL FAITH so that I could remove mountains, and have not LOVE, *I am NOTHING*." (v. 2).

4. "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not LOVE, *it profiteth me NOTHING*." (v. 3).

What is it to have LOVE? The next four verses tell. Here is TRUE spiritual-mindedness:

"LOVE is very patient, very kind." Are YOU? "LOVE knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful; love is never gladdened when others go wrong; love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient (I Cor. 13:4-7; Moffat's translation).

Read those three verses again, substituting your own name wherever "LOVE" appears. Try it as a test on yourself. It will tell you how truly SPIRITUAL you are. Let us seek more real, genuine SPIRITUAL-MINDEDNESS!

## Man's Greatest Battle

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We should look upon this job of ours as a BATTLE.

In Ephesians 6:10-20, the apostle Paul uses this symbolism in describing our struggle, "against the *rulers of the darkness of this world*, against *spiritual wickedness in high places*." He tells us that our only offensive weapon is "the word of God." We must understand and be able to use this word effectively.

Paul told his young helper, Timothy, that he should, ". . . endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (II Tim. 2:3).

We, too, must be willing to *endure hardship* and to *sacrifice* for the work of God. We need to have more ZEAL for the struggle in which we are engaged!

How many of you have *really sacrificed* that this gospel might go out to all the world?

Men in this world will train long, hard, grueling hours, will often have to *sacrifice many of their ordinary comforts*, and will sometimes *even give up their jobs*—just to compete in the Olympic Games for what Paul calls a "corruptible crown" (I Cor. 9:25). Are you willing to go *beyond* just "doing your bit"? Let's show God that WE REALLY MEAN IT!

Remember that *actions speak louder than words*, and that "faith without works is dead."

God Almighty uses your monetary support as a *test* of your Christian loyalty. These are Christ's words: "For where your treasure is, *there* will your heart be also" (Mat. 6:21).

How about your prayers? Your Bible study? Have you brought others to the truth by the example of your life.

You may not be called to give all your time, and talents, and energy—your very life—to God's work as Mr. Armstrong and others have. But what you can do, *God holds you accountable for*. Are you doing YOUR PART?

Truly, we "have a fight on our hands." But the stakes are high. They are *eternal life* in the soon-coming kingdom of God.

Let us fight with all our strength in this Christian battle that we may say with the apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness . . ." (II Tim. 4:7-8).