

## Searching for a Winner: God Trains & Protects the Christian Warrior, Ps 18:30, 34-36; Sun-tzu's 5 Essentials for Victory: Literal and Spiritual Applications

8. David was not only king of Israel but was the general of its armies. He expresses the importance of not only being trained for battle but also the imperative of having divine guidance and power in both training and in combat:

**Psalm 18:30** - As for God, His way is blameless; the Word of the Lord is tried; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

**v. 34** - He trains my hands for battle, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

**v. 35** - You have also given me the shield of Your salvation and Your right hand upholds me; and Your gentleness makes me great.

**v. 36** - You do enlarge my steps under me, and my feet have not slipped.

9. Attacking the oak may have been a grueling and indeed an impossible task, but it offered no counterattack as would the combatants of some future advancing enemy phalanx.
10. These are all good lessons for us to observe for application to the Invisible War. We must be as wise as serpents but harmless as doves.
11. Our warfare is not the physical struggle before advancing phalanxes but the unseen assaults from demon influence.
12. We must identify those things that are distractions; isolate them and orient to the instruction of our Drill Instructor.

**John 14:26** - When I leave, My Father will send in My name our Mentor, the Holy Spirit, and when He comes, He will teach you all things and cause you to remember all the doctrine that you have forgotten.

13. Memory is short- and long-term so repetition and self-discipline are required to retain the principles that develop the mental attitude of a winner.
14. Sun-tzu wrote in his book, *The Art of War*, that “if you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.” This is his conclusion following his enumeration of five essentials for victory:

**Sun-tzu. *The Art of War*. Edited by James Clavell. (New York: Delacorte Press, 1983), 17-18:**

He will win who knows when to fight and when not to fight.

Wisdom gives us the discernment we need in this regard. We always go on the offensive against the sinful nature and the temptations of the devil's world. We never go on the offensive against Lucifer. We opt for the royal law with regard to potential conflicts with our fellowman. Our public comments must be guarded and dependent upon Scripture alone whenever we are challenged regarding theological issues.

Political correctness, multiculturalism, diversity, and open borders—these expressions of human good and evil have demonstrated that we are being handicapped and will ultimately be defeated by the dark side of morality. Self-righteous arrogance has blinded us to that we can't discern the wolf at the door.



He will win who knows how to handle both superior and inferior forces.

Identify your stations in life. Parents have authority over children. Husbands have authority over wives. Management has authority over labor. Teachers have authority over students. Coaches have authority over athletes. Officers have authority over the chain of command below them. Law enforcement personnel have authority over those who break the law. Lucifer has authority over *cosmos diabolicus*. You have authority over your sinful nature. You have authority over your own soul. Know where you stand within this food chain and then orient and adjust accordingly.

Christianity has authority over Islam but only “if we make the proper use of those means which the God of nature has placed in our power”: Pivot; military preparedness, and client nation status.

He will win whose army is animated by the same spirit throughout all its ranks.

The Universal Church is victorious in the Invisible War being animated by the same Holy Spirit. This is true for all at salvation. The local church that has a maximum number of parishioners, animated by the filling of the Holy Spirit, will have invisible historical impact in its community. The Universal Church of any given generation of history that has a maximum number of believers animated by the Holy Spirit in the sophisticated spiritual life will form the power of the Pivot necessary for peace, safety, and prosperity in the client nation.

The Universal Church, that conglomerate of believers throughout the nation, is weak, ignorant of Bible doctrine, blinded by the dark side of morality, and thus ineffective in the current crisis.