



#### **Judges 9:16-17**

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#### 1 Corinthians 15:30-34 30

And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? 31 I die every day—I mean that, brothers—just as surely as I glory over you in Christ Jesus our Lord. 32 If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus for merely human reasons, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.

"33 Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." 34 Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame. (NIV)



#### **American Sacrifices**

- 1. Afghanistan 2,372
  - Iraq: 4,438
- 2. American Revolution 25,324
- 3. Mexican War <u>13,283</u>
- 4. Spanish American War 2,893

5. Civil War 562,130

South: 199,110

North: 363,020

6. Philippine War 4,273

7. World War I: 116,710

8. World War II: 408,306

9. Korean War: 54,246

10. Vietnam War: 58,219

**11. Desert Storm 363** 

TOTAL: 1,343,812

#### 1. The Command Issued in God's Word.

# A. Do the Right For Those Who Served.

Judges 9:16 Jotham continued, "Now make sure you have acted honorably and in good faith by making Abimelech your king, and that you have done right by Gideon and all of his descendants. . . (NLT)

# B. Treat Those Who Served With Honor

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# C. Remember They Fought for You.

Judges 9:17 For he fought for you and risked his life when he rescued you from the Midianites. (NLT)

# D. Remember They Risked for You.

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### E. Remember They

#### Rescued

You.

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## 2. The **Conflict** Is Spiritual In Nature.

Ephesians 6:12 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. (NIV)



# 3. The Challenge In Spiritual Warfare.

A. Paul Was In Danger Every Day.

1 Corinthians 15:30 And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? (NIV)

## B. Paul Had to Die to Self Everyday.

1 Corinthians 15:31 I die every day—I mean that, brothers—just as surely as I glory over you in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV)

# C. Paul Recognized The Viciousness of the Enemy.

1 Corinthians 15:32 If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus for merely human reasons, what have I gained? (NIV)

# D. Paul Surrounded Himself with Good People.

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." (NIV)

### E. Paul Kept His Head Clear

1 Corinthians 15:34 Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame. (NIV)

#### 2 Peter 3:1

Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. (NIV)

# 4. The **Covering** For Battle.

A. Live Right in God's Eye.

Judges 6:1 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and for seven years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites. (NIV)

## B. Listen to the Word of God

Judges 6:7-10 <sup>7</sup> When the Israelites cried to the LORD because of Midian, <sup>8</sup> he sent them a prophet, who said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: . . . But you have not listened to me." (NIV)

# C. See Yourself As God

#### Sees You

Judges 6:12 When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior." (NIV)

## D. Tear Down <u>Competing</u> Altars.

Judges 6:25-26 25 That same night the LORD said to him, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one seven years old. Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. 26 Then build a proper kind of altar to the LORD your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering." (NIV)

#### **Exodus 34:14**

14 Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

