



Equipped 2serve



Day 2 > Soldier
Word as Sword

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Ministry: Yes, it's a Big Deal!
Covenant: making, breaking
...keeping (Heb.13:21-22)

- **Father:** planned, 'called out' a people
- **Son:** procured/blood, 'commissioned'
- **Spirit:** empowers, 'changes' Us 4life2serve
- **Believers:** sent2share His life-giving words

The God of Peace **equips** us with **tools** to serve *one another* and to please *Him*!



1. Wonderful **Shepherd** intercedes equipping us
2. Powerful **Scriptures** entrusted to equip us
3. Faithful **Servants** gifted to equip saints!
4. Useful **Suffering** allowed to **equip** us!

Our Ministry Equipments definitions, correlation...



1. *Work of Prayer* (Fisherman: 2Cor. 13:9)
2. *Word as Sword* (Soldier: 2Tim. 3:17)
3. *Workers with Gifts* (Trainer: Eph. 4:12)
4. *Wounds that Heal* (Doctor: 1Pet. 5:10)

Equipment # 2 – *Word Alive!*

Bible = Active, Effective? (Jn. 13:17; Heb.4:12)

- Theology v. Ethics 'doer of Word' Jas.1:23
- **Mirror** of Word works, so let it go thru you
- Beautiful minds know; 'beautiful feet' obey

- Image of Word@work: *milk, honey, bread*
- God's *fire, hammer*; Our *sword!*



Equipment # 2 – *All Scripture!*

Able, Reliable & Profitable! (2Tim. 3:16-17)

- For *Doctrine* & *Reproof*: what's right, what's not!
- *Correction* & *Instruction*: how to get & stay right!
...in righteousness, so the wo/man of God may be *adequate/artios* thoroughly equipped/*exartizo* for
... every good work

Spiritual **Fitness**: prepared with [military] supplies
fully furnished, completely equipped

- - head, heart, hands to do God's will



Equipment # 2: *Word as Sword!* (Heb 4:12)
Soldier ready 2fight... 4food!

Spiritual **Fit 2 Fight?** how adequately rU equipped?

Postmodern Disease = No hunger for God's Word!

- Lasting **Famine**: Illiterate (Psa.106:15, Am 8:11)
- Lack of **Faith**? Lk.18:8; Rom.10:17 (trust & obey)
- Long **Fight**: 'perilous days' 2Tim. 3:1f



Scripture: the Standard for Faith & Order

(2Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Tim. 4:6, 13)

Historicity: Divinely Safe guarded, Sound doctrine

Authority: Human traditions, reason, experiences

Sufficiency: Revelatory Truth shows the Way / Life!

Our Maturity: *Written* to transform and to conform

us to... *the Living* Word = Christ-ian!



Jesus' *promise*: I will build on this '*petra*'
Mt.16:18 but how? Jn. 17:6-8; 16-21

- Jesus' *prayer*: *sanctify* them thru Thy truth
Word = truth, cleanses! Jn. 15:3; Eph. 5:26
- Jesus' *pleasure*: to give us God's words,
that sets us apart, makes *holy* One-in-Son,
works in us till we reach *perfection* = X-like



Oh, how I **Love** thy **laws**! (Psa. 119: 97)
God of 'Great **Peace**' have *they* who (v.165)

1. **Shepherd's** life Blood saves & equips us
2. **Scriptures** = living Book – equips 2do law
3. **Spirit** creates living Body = “the Church”

Spirit of life in Christ; ‘people of the Book’



Equipment # 2 – *Word@Work!*

God's tool to do God's work 2Tim. 2:15

1. Is the Word well **used**?

Rightly divide, Practically apply

2. Is the Work well **done**?

Call for Integrity & Excellence

3. Is my Lord well **pleased**?

with my Intimacy & Involvement



“Feeling His Pleasure!”

Eric Liddell 400m, 1924, Paris

