



THIS MEANS WAR

PART 1: FIGHTING TO THE DEATH

We are at war with an unseen kingdom – A kingdom that uses suffering to drive us down... and when that doesn't work, it uses pleasure, wealth, and materialism as a distraction to numb our souls and keep us ineffective. Jesus says, This Means War.

Christ tells us plainly, and without any qualifications, that we are involved in a war in which there is no room for neutrals.

~ Hugh Redwood

As the global consumer culture increasingly gobbles up our time and resources, it is undermining the vitality of the church. We are witnessing the slow but steady haemorrhaging of time and money invested in the work of the church.

~ Christine Sine

We're in spiritual combat – a cosmic combat for the heart and soul of humankind.

~ Chuck Colson, Author

When principles that run against your deepest convictions begin to win the day, then battle is your calling.

~ Abraham Kuyper

Sure I must fight, if I would reign;
Increase my courage, Lord.
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy Word.

~ Isaac Watts

There are three conversions necessary: the conversion of the heart, mind, and the purse.

~ Martin Luther

No man can enthrone the true God unless in the process he chooses to dethrone his other gods. If Christ is not Lord over a person's money and possessions, then he is simply not that person's Lord.

~ Randy Alcorn

Riches and abundance come hypocritically clad in sheep's clothing pretending to be security against anxieties; and they then become the very object of those anxieties.

~ Soren Kierkegaard

The lust for affluence in contemporary society is psychotic. It is time we awaken to the fact that conformity to a sick society is to be sick.

~ Richard Foster

None of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

~ Jesus, Luke 14:33 (NRSV)

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture that they cannot understand; but as for me, I always noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those that I do understand.

~ Mark Twain

Let us throw off everything that hinders.

~ Hebrews 12:1 (TNIV)