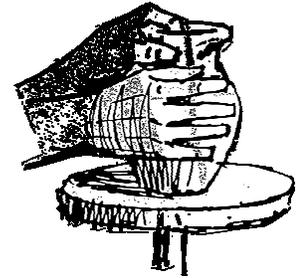


His Workmanship: Westside

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works."

—Ephesians 2:10



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Isaiah 64:8

Discipleship Like a Soldier, by anonymous

The scriptures often use the military as a metaphor for the Christian's life in Christ. Therefore, if you understand the military, you will better understand the principle. Paul gave a command to Timothy, then explained the metaphor of a soldier's life.

Command: *Suffer hardship with me,*
Metaphor: *as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier,* 2 Tim 2:3-4.

Notice that Paul specified five characteristics: endure hardship, be a good soldier, engage in warfare (active service), do not entangle self, and please your Commander. Endure hardship. Each soldier knows hardship. Yet this hardship is not without companions. Paul called Timothy to join him in the common sufferings that go with being a Christian. If we think of Paul's life (see 2 Cor 11:23-28), we hesitate to join him in his sufferings. Yet the cause by which he lived—or rather the Person by Whom he lived—drew many to join him. A soldier joins others in the common sufferings of military life because of the cause or because of the leader. Soldiers know what Paul is talking about here. They do not take lightly

the call to join in the everyday life of suffering as a soldier because they know what that means. Many people make commitments without fully understanding the implications. When they are in the middle of the suffering, they quit. A good soldier commits without the option of quitting.

Good soldier. Cadets, midshipmen, and military men and women know that they live a lifestyle that is different from the world's. They are often misunderstood or avoided because civilians realize they live by a different standard. They are disciplined daily. Active service. Daily, they are either training or actively engaged in warfare. Our warfare is spiritual, Eph 6:12.

Not entangled. A good soldier does not get entangled in the affairs of civilian life. His purpose and goals are different; therefore the system of life in which he lives is different. If a disciple's purpose is to advance the kingdom of God, then he cannot live a life focused on advancing his own kingdom. He is always on duty.

Pleasing God. What motivates soldiers to suffer hardship and avoid things that will distract them from being good soldiers? They desire to please the one that enlisted them as a soldier. Most USMA cadets still re-

member times when they heard, "*great job, freshmen*", "*you motivate me, fish*" (name for freshmen), and other phrases of motivation. They remember the day they got their "*fish brass*." This was the day they were recognized as being pleasing in the sight of the upperclassmen for finally doing all things well as cadets. That was the best day of the entire four years as a cadet. The "*fish buddies*" suffered many hardships together to get this medal. They did not live the life of civilian students. They suffered together in order to please the upperclassmen and take care of each other. When a cadet, midshipman, or soldier reads 2 Tim 2:3-4, he not only has a mental understanding of what it means to suffer with others and avoiding the distractions of the world in order to please their commanders, but he has experience that includes his heart, his hands, and his feet.

How will you respond to this invitation from your heavenly Commander Who is enlisting you into His army? If you know the love and power of the commander Jesus Christ, you will enlist and ask, "*Father in heaven, give me my mission and let me know my fellow soldiers as brothers to rely on in the battle.*"

“A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor, but he who hates covetousness will prolong his days,” Proverbs 28:16

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like if you want to fill it out you should do it.” She then brazenly offered O’Keefe, disguised as a middle-aged college instructor, a job with her group.

He also had a conversation with Greenpeace employee Christina Topping and suggested that he might have access to unused ballots from people who have recently moved out of college fraternity houses. “I mean it is putting the votes to good use,” she responded. “So really, truly, like, yeah, that is awesome.”

Colorado secretary of state Scott Gessler, along with several county election clerks, have raised warning flags that a new state law that automatically mails a ballot to everyone is an engraved invitation to commit fraud. “Sending ballots to people who did not even ask for them or have moved out of state is asking for trouble,” he said. For example, little can stop someone who collects discarded ballots from trash cans, fills out the ballots, and mails them in. Election workers are supposed to compare signatures on registration records with signed ballots. But if a person has a “witness” who signs the ballot on the witness line, then the signatures do not have to match, and the vote is counted.

Secretary Gessler had futile arguments with Democrat state legislators last year who insisted on ramming a bill through that mandated Colorado become the only state in the nation with both all-mail balloting and same-day registration. Under same-day registration, someone can register to vote online, have a mail ballot sent to him, and never physically show up to register or vote. Other places that use same-day registration treat the vote as a provisional ballot pending verification. Colorado immediately counts the vote and there is no way to separate it

if the person who voted is later found ineligible. “We know that people in other states with better integrity safeguards have cheated using the cover of these methods,” Gessler said. A decade ago, Melody Rose, then a liberal professor at Oregon State University, concluded that state’s vote-by-mail system “brings a perpetual risk of systemic fraud” in elections with razor-thin margins.

“Voter fraud is incredibly difficult to detect and prosecute, absent a direct confession,” Gessler said. He noted that in other areas of law-breaking, we do not judge how much of it there is merely by the number of related prosecutions. But he also noted there is evidence of just how easy voter fraud is to commit.

Last December, New York City’s Department of Investigation detailed how its undercover agents attempted to vote as individuals who were in fact dead, had moved out of town, or who were in jail at 63 polling places. In 61 instances, or 97 percent of the time, they were allowed to vote. (To avoid skewing results, they voted only for nonexistent write-in candidates.) How did the city’s Board of Elections respond? Did it immediately probe and reform their sloppy procedures? Not at all. It instead demanded that the investigators be prosecuted. Most officials are loath to admit how vulnerable election systems are, but privately many express worry that close elections could easily be flipped by fraud.

Nor are such sad examples limited to New York. In 2008, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of voter-ID laws in a 6–3 opinion written by John Paul Stevens, then the most liberal member of the court. He noted that the record “demonstrates that not only is the risk of voter fraud real but that it could affect the outcome of a close election.” Stevens had witnessed the

(Chicago) Daley machine up close manipulate local elections through fraud and chicanery during a distinguished legal career in Chicago that included serving both as a special counsel to a commission rooting out corruption and as a judge.

Democrat operative Donna Brazile devoutly wants to wish away the notion of voter fraud. But by overwhelming margins, the American people think it is a real problem and support steps to combat it. Indeed, a 2013 Rasmussen survey found that a greater percentage of African Americans viewed voter fraud as a serious problem than did whites. That is because, as former Democrat congressman Artur Davis of Alabama said: “Minority voters are often the biggest victims of voter fraud as reform movements in cities and depressed rural areas are crushed by fraudulent machine voting. I have seen it with my own eyes in Alabama.”

As with his expose’ of ACORN, O’Keefe deserves credit for again uncovering the potential for corruption at the ballot box while too many journalists keep their noses buried in campaign-finance reports. O’Keefe appears to be a rare bird interested in ballot integrity.

Our responsibility. We can mitigate the damage done by this deceit, lying, and cheating by voting, a duty given to us by God. He created only three institutions: the family, the church, and the government. He intended for us to be involved in each (in both Old and New Testament, men of God are active in government; wouldn’t Paul and Peter have voted if given the right?). In the last election, only half of the 80 million self-identified evangelical Christians were registered to vote, and only half of those, about 20 million, actually voted. Think of the

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Let your faith be seen in 2014
 "I rejoice to see your good order
 and the steadfastness of your faith
 in Christ."
 —Colossians 2:5

We Can Prevent Voter Fraud *from p. 2*
 difference it would have made in the last election if Christians had used their God-given right, as explained in the Declaration of Independence. Jethro told Moses exactly how we should vote: "Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens," Ex 18:21. Jethro said that Moses, acting as their spiritual leader (or pastor) was to bring the word of God to the people and "...teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do," 18:20. Great men should not only strive to make themselves useful, but should encourage others to be useful. We are, first, to learn God's will. Then, we should use great care in choosing who should be entrusted to govern.

1. "able men," i.e., persons who have good sense, who understand people and how the world works (understand business), people of boldness, resolve, courage, discernment, skill, and good judgment; capable, knowledgeable, Deut 1:13; qualified and suited for the office, Pr 28:2; Ax 6:3. We are not to elect the village idiot.
2. who "fear God," i.e., they believe God is above them, watches them, to Whom they are accountable and in Whose judgment they stand in awe. They turn to God for wisdom and justice; they are conscientious people who dare not do evil, Neh 5:15; Gen 42:18; Pr 1:7; 8:15; 2 Sam 23:3; 2 Chr 19:5-10.
3. "men of truth," i.e., persons of

Discipleship Here At Home

Rejoice Michael Fryman, friend (physics tutor) of Michelle Franke, was baptized yesterday. He has studied God's word with Michelle and the Campbells. Contact info: mfryman@mymail.mines.edu 859-954-0499 mfranke@mymail.mines.edu 719-685-6987 **Mike Strand**—report of cancer was a false scare

Berney Charo's friend in Neb, **Paul Alfaro**—recently returned to the Lord and needs prayers for strength **Tianna Smith** is at Tunghai University in Taiwan this semester and would appreciate cards or email: +866-4-23590121 Office of Internat'l Education & Programs Xitun Dist., Taichung, Taiwan 40704 tmsmith@presby.edu

honesty, integrity, who speak the truth and not lies, who decide according to truth, whose fidelity we may rely on (faithful), and who would not betray a promise; cf. Deut 16:18-19; Pr 20:28; 29:12. 4. "hating covetousness," not only without desire for wealth, but also power and control—and even the praise of men rather than the praise of God; not seeking bribes, not aiming to enrich themselves, Is 33:15; cf. 1 Sam 8:3; Pr 29:4, 14. They labor to promote the general good and the glory of God.

Notice that the people chose, and God then gave them authority ("made them rulers over you," Deut 1:13). It is our duty, not only to our fellow-citizens, but also to God, to vote—to choose righteous people to govern. The Framers of our Constitutional Republic knew that without moral men our nation would be ruined. "The foundational pillars of all government and of social life are virtue, morality, and religion," wrote Noah Webster. Candidates who do not uphold our first right, life (who are pro-abortion), or who profane marriage (by supporting anything except God's plan of holy marriage between a man and a woman) should not be selected.

PRAY FOR healing, protection, help, and comfort here and away

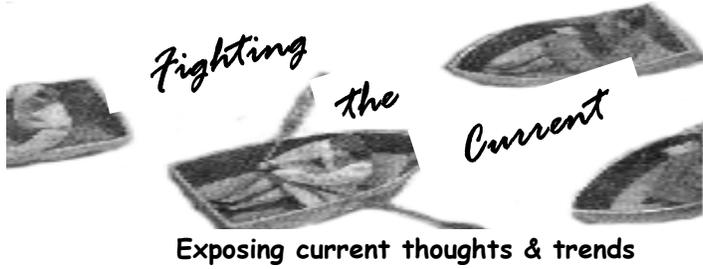
Brittany Tope's mother—breast cancer back; grandmother—on dialysis **Hadderses'** nephew **Zeke**—had surgery for broken femur last Thurs in KY; age 2 **Hannah Huelsman**—heart murmur, chest pain, **Christine Adams**—recovering from ankle surgery with 14 pins & plate; homebound till Dec; see **Judy Sartin** to co-ordinate meals **Virginia Menard**—new ankle injury; knee pain **Eric Perry**—intensive dental work for awhile **Sylvia Chapman, Brett's** grandmother—third stage pancreatic cancer; chemo **Kory Tope's** parents' friend in KY—kidney removed **Kenny Boyd's** coworker **Kim Phillips**—asks our prayers for her heart condition **Giles Free**—seizure from fall; confined at home, no driving for a few mos; scheduled for scan **Pat Wilkes**—recovering from knee surgery; pain **Ed Fink**—prostate cancer; current treatment for brain tumors. Undergoing chemo this month **Judy Sartin's** son, **Dave Sartin**—colitis and severe depression

Larry Campbell asks for our prayers regarding excuses. Remember **Sandra Hampton** and **Elaine Isbell**, who have returned to Christ and need our prayers and help for strength to walk with God

CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Logan Corray; Addison Tope; Christian Harrod; Rocco Jr; Pat Wilkes, Tim Huelsman—asthma **Bill Dennis**—adjusting pacemaker and meds **Nell Free**—pacemaker, heart; back pain **Autumn Hadders**—epilepsy; celiac disease **Jonathan Hadders**—rheumatoid arthritis **Danielle Huelsman**—vertigo, CV syndrome **Hannah Huelsman**—polycythemia, thickening of blood; and acid reflux **Kirk Johnson**—MS **Menards**—aging; **Lloyd**, diabetes, weak; **Virginia**, macular degeneration; high BP **Sandra Perry**—neuropathy from diabetes **Cheryl Reames**—diverticulitis; fibromyalgia **Judy Sartin**—spinal stenosis; arthritis **Judy and Mike Strand**—hepatitis trtment **Lynda Szymanski**—COPD, lung weakness

Travel **Joel Walker** is helping his parents move from FL to Nashville and will return tonight



Voter Fraud in Colorado Should Impel You to Vote, by John Fund

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when a wicked man rules, the people groan," Pr 29:2.

News reports about fraudulent attempts to change election outcomes are multiplying. In North Carolina, election officials say they have discovered over a thousand names on the voting rolls who are ineligible to vote because they are illegal immigrants who have been granted President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status.

Last Tuesday, a voting machine in Chicago was discovered to be hard-wired to vote Democrat. A Republican candidate in Chicago, Jim Moynihan, tried to vote for himself in early elections and was surprised to find that the voting machine registered a vote for his opponent, a Democrat. Whenever he voted for a Republican candidate, the machine registered the vote for a Democrat in the same race. He notified the election judge at his polling place and was eventually allowed to vote for Republican candidates, including his own race. Voting machine tampering has become a key issue, and there is good reason to believe voting machines aren't accurate. Likely, unscrupulous people in each party may be willing to do anything to get their candidate elected, including machine tampering; thus, honest election officials are essential. Joseph Stalin said, "I consider it completely unimportant who in the party will vote, or how. But what is extraordinarily important is this—who will count the votes, and how."

In a surprise move late Friday, a key Democrat on the Federal Election Commission called for burdensome new rules on Internet-based campaigning, prompting the Republican chairman to warn that Democrats want to regulate online political sites and even news media like the Drudge Report. Under a 2006 FEC rule, free political videos and advocacy sites have been free of regulation to boost voter participation in politics. "The right has begun to break the left's media monopoly, particularly through new media outlets like the internet, and I sense that some on the left are starting to rethink the breadth of the media exemption and internet communications," warned Federal Election Commission Chairman Lee E. Goodman.

Here in Colorado James O'Keefe, the guerilla filmmaker who brought down the (Obama-related) ACORN voter-registration fraudsters in 2010 and forced the resignation of NPR executives, released new undercover footage last week that suggests voter fraud here. His investigation raises disturbing questions about ballot integrity in Colorado, the site of fiercely contested races for the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House, and the governorship. When he suggested that he might use some of his friends' unused ballots that were mailed this month, he was told by Meredith Hicks, the director of Work for Progress, a liberal group funded by Democratic Super PACS: "That is not even like lying or something, if someone throws out a ballot,

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Bible classes	9:00 am
Morning assembly	10:00 am
Afternoon assembly	1:30 pm

Wednesday

Bible classes	7:30 pm
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Sunday morning

• **adult Bible class**, Lesson 3, "A Soldier: the Disciple's Battle," Kenny Boyd

• **Sermon**, "The Truth about Good and Evil," Jim Reingrover

Sunday afternoon

• **Lord's Supper, worship, and Bible questions answered.** Jim will address questions on dancing.

Wednesday night: Studies from Ezekiel.

Get materials for both Sunday and Wednesday adult classes from website under "Member Files."