

Belief Behaving Badly

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Main text: [Ephesians 6:18-20](#)

"I preach on Sunday – but I have 450 members who take my message on Monday and preach it wherever they go." – Henry Ward Beecher

I. Battle for Souls

Read [Ephesians 6:18](#)

- Our primary strength in the battle = **Prayer**
- We are in a war ([Ephesians 6:10-18](#)).
- Satan fears the believer who appeals to Almighty God.

2 things about prayer:

1. Watching – sights the enemy.
2. Praying – fights the enemy.

Persevere in prayer – Satan never gives up.

Paul's request: prayer for souls.

II. Burden for Souls

We are on earth for a greater purpose: winning souls.

True fulfillment = becoming a courageous Christian.

Jesus showed the value of one soul ([Luke 15](#)):

- Lost **sheep** – shepherd searched until found.
- Lost **coin** – woman hunted until found.
- Lost **son** – father waited for his return.

Christ's burden: He wept, prayed, fasted, lost sleep.

Paul's burden: [Acts 20:31](#); [Romans 10:1](#); [Romans 9:3](#)

Jeremiah's burden: [Lamentations 1](#)

III. Boldness for Souls

Read [Ephesians 6:19-20](#)

Paul in Rome:

- Desired to preach in Rome → went as a prisoner.
- Saw opportunity in chains ([Philippians 1:12-13](#)).

[2 Timothy 2:9](#) – ‘....The word of God is not bound.’

Difficulties = opportunities to share Christ.

Paul's prayer = boldness in walk and talk.

IV. Business of Souls

Read [Ephesians 6:20](#)

Satan's goal = distract believers from witnessing.

We are **ambassadors** for Christ (v.20).

- Represent Heaven.
- Used to shake Satan's kingdom.

Our main task:

1. Win souls for Christ.
2. Make sure we keep doing #1.

‘Politics is my day job. Sharing Jesus is my main job.’ – Charlie Kirk

V. Blessing of Souls

Paul's **joy** in prison = fruit of souls won

Joy in [Luke 15](#):

1. Shepherd found sheep → party.

2. Woman found coin → party.

3. Father welcomed son → biggest party.

[Luke 15:10](#) – ‘...there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

True joy comes from everyday witnessing.

Evil wanted a funeral – God brought revival.