

Good
Fights

This wallpaper is dreadful. One of us will have
to go.

—Oscar Wilde

“Die, why that’s the last thing I’ll do.”

—Groucho Marx

"Jesus, I love you. Jesus, I love you."

—Mother Teresa; died September 5, 1997

2 Timothy 4: 6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have **fought the good fight**, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Paul knew what a good fight was
because he knew what a bad
fight was.

Acts 9: Meanwhile, Saul was still **breathing out murderous threats** against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest **2** and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

I Timothy 1: 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

1 Corinthians 15: 9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

Bad fights lead to
broken churches and scarred
Christians.

What is
a bad fight?

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ends in mutual destruction.

Galatians 5: 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 If you bite and **devour each other**, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

A bad fight

**blames others without taking
responsibility.**

Genesis 3: 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, **who was with her**, and he ate it.

Genesis 3: 12 The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

A bad fight

is any fight in which Satan is not
your enemy.

Ephesians 6: 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand **against the devil's schemes**. 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.

God is Satan's enemy, not you.

Satan will seek to hurt God by
hurting you.

Satan's weapon of choice
is lying.

John 8: 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, **for he is a liar and the father of lies.** 4

The great work of Satan is to
deceive you
and make you believe he is not
involved.

Your enemy is not your enemy.

Your enemy is a pawn of your real
enemy.

Luke 22: 3 Then Satan entered Judas, called
Iscairiot, one of the Twelve. 4 And Judas
went...

31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all
of you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for
you...

What is
a good fight?

A good fight

is fought with proper weaponry.

Revelation 12: 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night,

Revelation 12: has been hurled down.

11 They triumphed over him

by the blood of the Lamb

**and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.**

A good fight

results in spiritual growth.

Galatians 2: 11 When Cephas came to Antioch,
I opposed him to his face, because he stood
condemned. 12 For before certain men came
from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles.
But when they arrived, he began to draw back
and separate himself from the Gentiles
because he was afraid of those who belonged
to the circumcision group.

2 Peter 3: 15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. 16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters...17 Be on your guard so that you **may not be carried away by the error of the lawless** and fall from your secure position.

If you are in a (frequent) fight(s)
that results in you getting what you
want instead of Christ being
glorified, you are not fighting the
good fight.

One last thought: Jesus is
victorious!

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What if I roll the stone away?
They're gonna crucify me anyway
What if the way you hold me
Is actually what's holy?

Taylor Swift “Guilty as Sin”

The chief end of man is to glorify God and
enjoy him forever.

—The Westminster Confession

Satan cannot accuse us to God.

Satan will accuse God to us.