

Christian Soldiers

⇒ **Text:** I Chronicles 12:33

⇒ **Intro:**

- Here were 50,000 men who could keep rank, or, 50,000 men who could “stay in step”
- Paul said, "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" - II Tim. 2:3
- When a person accepts Christ, They are in the Lord's Army.
- Jesus is our captain, Hebrews 2:10 and we are marching against the forces of evil.
- God is calling for good Christian soldiers.
- Let's compare the army of our country with the Lord's army

⇒ **I. A SOLDIER HAS DISCIPLINE**

- A. Discipline means obedience.
 - We should obey those who are over us - John 14:15
- B. Discipline means surrender.
 - He surrenders to his country completely.
 - Have you surrendered unto God? - Rom. 12:1-2
- C. Discipline means concentration.
 - He has one thing in mind - his, country.
 - A Christian has one thing in mind likewise - Christ being first - Matt. 6:33
- D. Discipline means to follow.
 - He may not fully understand all things, but he follows completely.
 - We may not understand why things come into our life, but we follow, leaving all things in God's hands - Rom. 8:28
- **NOTICE PAUL'S DISCIPLINE** - I Cor. 9:27

⇒ **II. A SOLDIER HAS DEDICATION**

- A. A soldier leaves his wife, children, and relatives behind to serve his country.
 - Note Jesus' words about loving your relatives more than God - Luke 14:26
- B. A soldier is willing to be wounded, and suffer for his country.
 - A Christian soldier will suffer for the Lord.
 - Paul had in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus - Gal. 6:17; 2 Tim. 3:12
- C. A soldier will die for his country.
 - Do you love the Lord enough to die for Him?
 - We must be willing to die for Him - Mark 8:35
- D. A soldier will stand for his country.
 - His habits, actions and dedication shows that he belongs to America.
 - A "born-again" Christian will show that he belongs to God - II Cor. 5:17
- **ARE YOU A DEDICATED SOLDIER FOR THE LORD?**

⇒ **III. A SOLDIER HAS DETERMINATION**

- A. A soldier will "go all the way" for his country.
 - Will you as a Christian “go all the way” or will you become indifferent toward God.
 - You must be faithful - Rev. 2:10
- B. A soldier is supplied with tools from the government.
 - God supplies the Christian with tools to fight also.- Read Eph. 6:10-18

- C. A soldier is determined to win the war.
 - Some are placed in prison camps.
 - Yet they keep faith in their country. - Read Phil. 4:13
- D. A soldier will not sell out his country.
 - He will suffer much and not give up his country.
 - A Christian will not sell his soul. - Read Mark 8:36-38

⇒ **Conclusion:**

- We have seen to be a good soldier for Jesus Christ then we must:
 - Discipline
 - Dedication
 - Determination