



GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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Title: Don't Quit

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (2 Timothy 3:1-7)

INTRODUCTION

1. WE NEED THE _____ OF A SOLDIER

Quote: “It takes more than brains to make a good soldier; it takes guts.”—**Psychology for the Fighting Man**

Description of a Roman Soldier:

- Marched twenty miles each day
- Carried over 90lbs of armor
- Enlisted for twenty years before ever seeing his reward
- Soldiering was his career, his passion—not his hobby

2. WE NEED THE _____ OF AN ATHLETE

Quote: “Today I will do what others won’t, so tomorrow I can accomplish what others can’t.”—**Jerry Rice**

Description of Greek Athlete (Olympian):

- This required an individual effort—no team sports
- They swore to “never sin against the games”
- They were motivated by the fear of being disgraced and disqualified
- He had to be a citizen of the Empire
- He had to train for at least 10 months before the event
- He could not withdraw

3. WE NEED THE _____ OF A FARMER

Quote: “Farming is a profession of hope...”—**Brian Brett**

Quote: “It is thus with farming: if you do one thing late, you will be late in all your work.”—**Cato the Elder**

Description of a New Testament Farmer:

- He learned to sow
- He learned to weed
- He prayed for rain
- He learned to reap
- He toiled, he struggled— then he rejoiced in the harvest

CONCLUSION

