

warriors

John 6:63-69 NASB

63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. 64 "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. 65 And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father." 66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?" 68 Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. 69 "We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

Do You Want to Become a Real Warrior for Christ?

(How we can amp up your training)

Option A (what we have been providing for you and are happy to continue to do so) – Fred and Joan will provide:

Long term friendship with a “no write off” policy

A safe place to vent frustrations and ask questions about life and faith

Biblical counsel for marriage, parenting, finances, family, and friendships

Instruction in contextual Bible study

Conflict resolution assistance

Gentle correction of obvious sin issues

Option B (the option for aspiring “warriors”) – Fred and Joan will provide the above services plus:

Occasional home work and projects designed to strengthen your walk with Jesus

More probing questions and in depth discussion about who you really are

“In your grill” correction of even minor sin issues and personality quirks that will limit your effectiveness as a warrior

**We will be on the alert for signs of pride and self-centeredness and will attempt to help you be more precise and accurate in your communication. We want to help you know Christ and make Him Known.*

2 Tim 2:3-4 NIV

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs-he wants to please his commanding officer.

THE BIG IDEA: The attributes of today's special forces operatives (ie. SEALs, Green Berets, Delta Force) may be the most similar we have to those qualities mandated by Jesus to become His disciple.

The Characteristics of Special Operators

- 1. They are superbly trained and practiced in all aspects of battle** - through hundreds of hours of undistracted training they know their weapons and equipment.
- 2. They observe no rank when in combat** - they put no pride in position and answer only to the Commander and Chief.
- 3. They travel light** - they carry with them only those things necessary for their mission.
- 4. They make a pact of total allegiance to one another** - they enjoy a profound commitment to serve their brothers and to help them succeed.
- 5. Their time is totally devoted to 2 things: 1) honing their battle skills 2) engaging in the battle itself** - by necessity they are single-minded in their focus and are consequently not much good for anything else.
- 6. They expect to die in battle** - concerns about old age and retirement don't cloud their thinking. They generally do not cry out when wounded. They are just plain tough.

Money, things, and activities are to special operators nothing more than *tools* used to accomplish a mission given them by their supreme commander.

