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The passage below is the passage we have been looking at in relation to us being soldiers in and for Christ.

2 Timothy 2:3-4 Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

For this final aspect of identity as a soldier, we will look at the words which say, ***'so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.'***

At the end of the day, there is only one Person we are to be focused upon and interested in pleasing and this is our Lord and Saviour.

Q. Why is this the case and why is it so important He in fact is our number 1 priority?

We see Paul warn us in other letters that he fears that the church has been led astray in her mind from a devoted fellowship with her Lord and Saviour. We see him urging the church and persuading the church to come back to her first love, the One who is Love, Light and Life.

Our main priority and passion in this life is to glorify the Father. We can only do this if we have lost our lives and laid them down for the purposes of our Father. Jesus only did His Father's will and only desired to do His Father's will. We can not be about 'our' will and the Father's will simultaneously. It is either one or the other.

Q. Time to be honest and confess who's will you are living for and why?

The promises that God outlines for us in Himself, are for ALL His children, but only those who are expressing His will through His divine power, will find themselves accessing and possessing these amazing promises, our inheritance NOW, today. These are the lives that are pleasing to Him.

1 Corinthians 2:9 but just as it is written, " Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man , All that God has prepared for those who love Him."

The key to knowing the ALL, that God has ALREADY prepared, is the love you have for Him. A person will be found in who and what they truly love. In other words what we truly treasure, we hold the greatest value for, and this is where you will find our hearts. We will definitely please the who or the what we truly love. This is never in doubt or question.

What man loves he literally moves heaven and earth for.

Q. What does one's life look like who's only interest is pleasing the one who enlisted him?

As a group write all these things down in your phones or on a piece of paper, so you can visually see them, and read them out.

Q. What is the motivating factor behind a persons life who is living these qualities out?



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Q. What are you being made aware of about your life when you look at these different qualities?

The key to transformation, not change, is to look at the factual evidence that is directly in front of us and make a decision to turn towards the direction of the One who can perform this powerful work within us. It is not to hide, excuse, blame, accuse, justify, prove wrong, etc. but to look into the eyes of love and say, "Today I make a decision to move towards you and away from me."

"Father empower me to be able to live this decision out, today, tomorrow, next week and into the months and years ahead - Amen"

Q. What are we all learning so far about ourselves in relation to our God given identity of being sons, bondservants, and soldiers?

Once again write these things down on your phone or paper and regularly look at them, to check in and measure yourself by His Truth. Remember this is all for your transformation.