Volume 2 Books of Poetry Psalm 18:37

"I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; neither did I turn again until they were consumed." Psalm 18:37

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12) Never mistake man for your enemy. The Christian may be so desirous to please the Lord and exhibit the characteristics of love that he may find he begins to confuse his human compassion for the mercy of God. In so doing he may then even find himself having pity on evil. Never, ever, have mercy on evil! Mercy is reserved for men, though frail and sinful!

It is easy to begin our chase of evil – a rally, a boycott, an idea to "turn it off", a resolution, a self-help book, yes, there are many ways we can begin to pursue evil. However, it is another matter altogether to continue that pursuit and over take the enemy, fighting it until it is utterly and completely defeated! Never, ever grow weary of the battle for the souls of men and women. Thank God for the battle someone waged on your behalf that you might know Christ! "My little Children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ is formed in you." (Galatians 4:19)

To live as a Christian is to engage the evil that is the sworn enemy of our King. To stand with Jesus is to stand against such evils – there can be no compromise – it is a battle to the death – and many of our brethren are paying the ultimate price – with their lives – even today – this very moment! This is living history – current events – not merely stories from the past.

To live for Christ is to die to self and if need be, to lay down our lives for our friends. "Neither did I turn again until they were consumed."

"Lord God, I confess that I have given up too easily in the battle against various sins and bad habits in my own life. I have compromised with the world – I have become desensitized to sin through the media. I have found myself talking and acting like the world talks and acts. Please Father, forgive me, and help me to once again be salt and light! In Jesus' name, Amen."

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