

The Weapons of Warfare

The weapons of our warfare are not carnal or, fleshly & cannot fail when wielded in the hands of a Holy Ghost inspired army. They are these, & mark them well:

- **Conviction** that doesn't canvas the crowd to know what it believes because it's in possession of absolute truth.
- **Character** which does not change when the cameras stop rolling and the crowd is gone.
- **Commitment** which does not cave in when challenged by a culture in the throes of moral collapse.
- **Courage** simply defined as fear which has said its prayers.

These will be our compass leading us to the victor's circle - having resisted, captured & defeated our common adversaries – & this is the hope that beckons us ever onward: for the battle is not ours but the Lord's.

I want to draw a reference to two individuals: Eli the backslidden priest & Samuel the prophet; they represent 2 groups of people; 2 ways of looking at things; 2 attitudes about what God has long been ready to do in the earth.

Eli loved ease

Samuel loved energy

Eli was religious

But Samuel had a relationship

Eli sought the praise of the people

Samuel sought peace in the presence of God

Eli was un-convinced

Samuel was unashamed

Eli was overcome

Samuel was an overcomer

Eli's eyes were dim

Samuel's eyes were bright

Eli's star was setting

Samuel's star was ascending

Eli regretted the past

Samuel anticipated the future