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FIGHTING OR BITING?

"Fight the good fight of faith..." 1 Timothy 6:12

I recently attended a service where a minister mentioned there is a good fight and a fight that is not good. The illustration was given of the time where during a boxing fight one of the contenders resorted to biting his opponent's ear. That fight move was not considered as practicing a good fight. When the statement was made my spirit was touched and the idea came to me are you fighting or biting? We are admonished by the word to fight. And clearly the scripture places the type of fight in view by using the word 'good.' That would lend to the fact as God's people we are not just to fight using any and all means and methods. There is a way to fight in which the tactics applied are good or not good.

Our enemy, Satan is fighting a fight as well. He is fighting against the mind of God's people to approach the fight the wrong way. Remember Satan is like a serpent. When a serpent attacks he strikes the victim by biting them with his fangs that are filled with venom. The venom Satan bites us with is often filled with words of complaining, bitterness and resentment and definitely no words that praise the Lord. When our spiritual journey, which requires us to fight, finds you speaking negatively by complaining or expressing bitterness and resentment then you are 'biting' and that is an inappropriate fighting tactic for us as God's redeemed people.

We must practice spiritual fighting using words of praise and worship of God. When our fight declares the glory of God and His power, dominion and victory we are fighting with powerful knockout punches against our enemy. We fight with words that declare the awesomeness of Jesus. Next time the enemy tries to push you into a biting fight resist him by fighting through Praise and Worship. Change your fight from 'bite' to what's right!

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