

# War of Attrition

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**Attrition warfare** is the term used to describe the sustained process of wearing down an opponent so as to force their physical collapse through continuous losses in personnel, equipment and supplies or to wear them down to such an extent that their will to fight collapses. You and I are in a war of attrition with the powers of darkness. This is a lifelong sustained battle where sometimes advances are sometimes slow. Consistency in your walk with the Lord is the key to continual advancement.

## **Battle strategy #1: Outlast the enemy**

2 Samuel 3:1, Galatians 6:7-9, Ephesians 6:12

Don't let setbacks discourage you. You are growing and moving from:

- Faith to faith – Romans 1:17
- Glory to glory – 2 Corinthians 3:18
- Strength to strength – Psalm 84:7

*Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10*

## **Battle strategy #2: Hit and run**

- Keep praying and don't give up – Ephesians 6:18, Luke 10:5-13, 18:1-8
- Hold fast your confession of faith – Proverbs 18:21, Hebrews 10:23, 35-36

## **Battle strategy #3: Strengthen yourself in times of peace**

- Pack in the truth of God's word – John 8:32
- King Asa: 2 Chronicles 14

*And the prophet came to the king of Israel and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself; take note, and see what you should do, for in the spring of the year the king of Syria will come up against you." 1 Kings 20:22*

**Eagle Scout:** It takes 4 to 6 years and only 4 out of 100 make it, 4%

**Black belt:** Depending on the style it takes 5 years and 2 out of 100 make it, 2%

**Pastor:** The average stay for a pastor at a church is 4 years. For a youth pastor it's 3 years. The profession of "Pastor" is near the bottom of a survey of the most respected professions, just above "car salesmen." Over 4,000 churches closed in America last year. Over 1,700 pastors left the ministry every month last year. (www.shepardswatchmen.com why pastors leave the ministry)

