

**Introduction:**

- Ecclesiastes 3:1, 8; Matthew 5:44; 24:6-7; Acts 10:1-23; Romans 13:1-7; I Timothy 2:2; I Peter 2:13-17

**I. The On Warfare**

- There are primarily two things that we need to emphasize:

**A. The biblical for war**

- The Bible gives a three-fold answer:

**1) There are wars because of \_\_\_\_\_ . (James 4:1-3)**

- Wars that are fought on the battlefields of the \_\_\_\_\_ are first waged in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**2) There are wars because of \_\_\_\_\_ . (Romans 13:1-7)**

- ***Our responsibility to government:*** \_\_\_\_\_ **them** – Romans 13; \_\_\_\_\_ **to them** – Romans 13; \_\_\_\_\_ **for them** – II Timothy 2:2

**3) There are wars because of \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*“All war, to some degree or another, expresses God’s wrath on man’s sin, either directly or indirectly.”*

**B. The Biblical To War**

- There are two sides to this issue:

**1. The biblical basis for war**

- Joshua 1:2; Judges 1:1-2; Numbers 1:1-4; Joshua 1; Judges 20:3-4; 20:16-18; Exodus 15:3; Numbers 21:14; I Samuel 18:17; 25:28; Psalm 68:21; Isaiah 42:13; II Samuel 22:35; Psalm 144:1; Numbers 32:20; Ephesians 6:10-20; Revelation 19:11-19; II Kings 25; Romans 13:1-7; Genesis 14:17-20; Matthew 8:5-13; Acts 10:2; Hebrews 11:32-34; Isaiah 65:25

**2. The biblical basis for war**

- Deuteronomy 7:25-26; 7:2; 7:6; I John 2:15-17; Matthew 5:9; Luke 23:34; Matthew 26:52b; I Peter 3:9; Romans 12:19-21

## II. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Warfare

- Throughout the history of Christian theology, the best and most ethical approach to warfare has been what is called the “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” theory.
- **Augustine held that a just war must have essentially seven components:**
  - 1) A just war must be initiated by the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) A just war must be waged for \_\_\_\_\_ rather than conquest, plunder, or political oppression.
  - 3) A just war could only be launched in response to an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4) A just war must be fought with the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 5) A just war must have a reasonable \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 6) A just war must use means proportionate to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 7) In a just war, \_\_\_\_\_ must be the central motive even in the midst of violence.

### **Summary Thoughts:**

- 1) *War itself is not necessarily* \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, *or* \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) *War has been* \_\_\_\_\_ *to governments who are the God-appointed authority for preservation, punishment, and protection.*
- 3) *A moral war, a just war is* \_\_\_\_\_ *and* \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) *Just like in everything, God has a* \_\_\_\_\_ *in war, but we may not know what it is.*

### **Conclusion:**

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.