

the supreme authority in each state. But the real safeguards against it must be established long before the crisis arises; they must be firmly set in the hearts of the people. "Peace-loving" is doubtless a glorious title for nations and rulers, but the true peace-keepers are the individual citizens who overcome themselves, bringing their tendencies and desires into subjection to the law of Christ. Out of each soul the spirit of peace must come forth and then widen its wholesome influence through the home and the community until it permeate the life of the nation. This is genuine individualism, not the assertion but the sanctification of self, unto the glory of God and the winning of peace for all mankind.

In one sense, therefore, the Christian is constantly at war. It is a spiritual warfare without truce or concession. Its battles are fought in the soul against passion and pride, against sin and temptation. Its victories are recorded in the Book of Life, its prizes awarded in the eternity of God. They who wage it are the strongest and bravest of men, because their courage and their strength come from above. They are the guardians of peace on earth because they have vanquished in themselves the worst of enemies, and won for love its greatest triumph.

To such a warfare St. Paul exhorts us in his Epistle to the Ephesians: "Brethren, be strengthened in the Lord and in the might of His power. Put you on the armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the deceits of the devil. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood; but against