

HIGH RISK PROFESSIONS

Request: Could you put together a study on how to deal with sudden death especially those in the military?

It can be emotionally difficult for family members of those who have joined to serve in high-risk professions such as military and police.

The military and police are two high-risk professions for disability and death because they must contend with an aggressive and offensive enemy or criminal.

High-risk professions usually have three stages, two of which are high-risk performances. The three stages are training, engagement, and down time. Training and engagement are high-risk performance stages.

When should the family of high-risk professions prepared for the possibility for disability or death? The common sense answer is as soon as the individual decides to join a high-risk profession.

**This lesson will study FIVE sources of comfort to families of Christians
Who join to serve in high-risk professions.**

1. Sudden should not mean unexpected or unprepared for the spiritual advancing believer (1 Pet.4:12).

The possibility of sudden disability and death is a normal element of in high-risk professions. It is the normal and not the abnormal possibility whenever that person takes a weapon to do battle with a similar equipped enemy or criminal.

“He trains my hands for battle, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.” (2 Sam.22:35; Psa.18:34)

Military and police fall under doctrinal principles of divine institution #4. “When I saw their fear, I rose and spoke to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people: ‘do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.’” (Neh.4:14)

“At whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.” (Neh.4:20)

A source of comfort is knowing that it was the individual’s profession of choice. It was his way of serving God and country (DI #4).

2. It is a source of comfort to know that a client nation must be prepared to defend divine institutional freedom and that Christians volunteer to serve so that there may be the freedom to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ (Gal.5: 1, 13).

“And when you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately.” (Luke 21:9)

Remember that a strong military or police force is not the cause or source of freedom only the defender – God is the source. **“But we prayed to our God, and because of them we set a guard against them day and night.” (Neh.4:9)**

Client nations will have to fight for freedom until the Millennium (Isa.2:4; Micah 4:3) – “A time for war, and a time for peace.” (Eccl.3:8b; Luke 14:31-32)

“Shall your brothers go to war while you yourselves sit here?” (Num.32:6)

“Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle.” (Psa.144:1)

Remember that Gideon’s army of 300 fought and defeated a superior equipped army of 135,000 because of God (Judges 7:7; 8:10).

3. It is a source of comfort to understand that death is a normal part of life (Heb.9: 27).

Birth and death run off God’s calendar whether in time of war or peace (Eccl.3:1-2, 8). All of mankind is born to die because of AOS (Adam’s original sin) (Rom.5:12-21; Gen.2:17).

This means that questions associated with the *when, why, how* of a believer’s death is answered by divine design – “From six troubles He will deliver you. Even in seven evil will not touch you. In famine He will redeem you from death, and in war from the power of the sword.” (Job 5:19-20)

“And you will know that your tent is secure, for you will visit your abode and fear no loss.” (Job 5:24)

4. Another source of comfort is to understand that high-risk professions normally have divine institution honor a glory associated with them.

The military has different honor and glory metal and awards because they understand the high cost of service. Its funeral services declare the institution’s appreciation of honor and glory of service. This was done at the funeral of General Abner by King David (2 Sam.4:31-39) – “Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?” (4:38)

5. The final source of comfort offered in this lesson is to understand that a Christian’s death is earth’s lost but heaven’s gain (2Cor.5: 6-8; Psa. 116:15).

“According to my earnest expectation and hope, that I shall not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, *Christ shall even now, as always be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.* For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” (Phil.1:20-21)

God reminded Job that He designs the snowflake and hail each differently one from the other. And that God holds the universe together in spite of Devil and man. Thus God can certainly preserve him in the time of distress or the day of war and battle (Job 38:22-23).

The real war against divine freedom is fought in the soul and it is a daily battle (Eph.6:10-17) – “For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.” (2 Cor.10:4-5)

The soldier was born to die but joined to serve!