

## **Latin Phrases in Western Civilization**

- I. Singing and Lute Playing
- II. History lesson
  - a. I came, I saw, I conquered (Caesar)
  - b. (Doug wears the gladius)
  - c. Simple piece of equipment ruled the world
  - d. When soldiers first recruited, given hard, heavy wooden swords
  - e. Bruised each other badly...practiced hard with them
  - f. Graduated to the real thing
- III. Clip in Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
  - a. Peter given a sword
  - b. Doesn't know how to handle the sword
  - c. Sticks the sword in the ice
  - d. Practices on the sword
  - e. Eventually uses it and kills the wolf
- IV. Spiritual connotations
  - a. Ephesians 6:10-18
    - i. Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.
  - b. "Stand Fast"...don't back up
  - c. The Lord wants us to move forward...advance
- V. The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit
  - a. Do we know how to use it
  - b. The tool, like Peter, is in our hands, but...
  - c. Only defensively? Only when attacked?
  - d. Moving forward

## VI. Meeting of the blades

- a. Experience with a blade works better than inexperience
  - b. Someone who knows how to use it is more prepared to use it...compared to someone who just has it sitting around the house.
  - c. Steel sharpens steel
  - d. Practice for the real thing
  - e. As teachers, we have the opportunity to put the sword into play
  - f. Wisdom in when to use it and when not to use it
  - g. Our students have different attitudes about the sword
    - i. Some are completely excited about the prospect of training
    - ii. Others are apathetic...leave the sword inside the scabbard
    - iii. Others use it as a last resort...have it, but hope to never have to use it
    - iv. Some stay at the wooden, beginner level
    - v. Some have been inspired inspire them to practice, practice, practice
    - vi. Others have been wounded by it when people have wielded it irresponsibly and with their own agendas...rogue blades
    - vii. (Concluding statement goes here):
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## VII. "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

- a. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have read a fiery Gospel writ in burnished rows of steel;  
“As ye deal with My contemners, so with you My grace shall deal”;  
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with His heel,  
Since God is marching on.  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Since God is marching on.

**b. And all of this began with a history lesson**