

Trifling vs. Trusting

The background of the image features a vibrant sunset with a bright sun partially obscured by clouds, casting a warm orange and red glow. In the foreground, two black silhouettes of people are shown in dynamic martial arts poses. The figure on the left is in a low, wide stance with hands held up in a defensive or preparatory position. The figure on the right is performing a high kick, with one leg extended upwards and outwards. The overall scene suggests a contrast between the two concepts mentioned in the title.

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INTRODUCING...

- **“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,” (Titus 2:11)**
- **“And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.” (John 1:16)**

This is the fight of your life!

- **Eyes should be wide open.**
- **Heart should be engaged.**
- **Mind should be working at its optimum.**

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Lew Wallace, the author of Ben Hur, is an example of a man who almost lost his boxing match with eternity.

- **Half-heartedly (i.e. not really) addressing his eternity.**
- **Bruised by the realized results of his apathy.**
- **Miraculously *finally* getting his head back in the fight.**

ROUND #1:

How to trifle with God in opposition.

“And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.” (Acts 17:10)

ROUND #2:
How to treat Jesus honestly.

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” (Acts 17:11)

ROUND #3:
How to trifle with God in apathy.

“These [Thessalonians] were [not] more noble than [the Bereans], in that they [did not] received the word with all readiness of mind, and [did not search] the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” (Acts 17:11, altered for emphasis)

AND THE WINNER IS...

How to trust Jesus in faith.

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WOMEN

31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

(Matthew 12:31-32)

CONFESSOR

A RECAP OF TODAY'S FIGHT:

**“For the law was given by Moses, but
grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”**

(John 1:17)



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"Buster" Douglas (2nd R) during their
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