the Christian and war

I. *Is All War Immoral?*

    A. Then God would be immoral for commanding some battles and controlling their outcomes.

        1. God is called a "man of war" and is always victorious (Exod 15:1–12).

        2. God has used some nations to judge other nations (Joel 3:9–10; Amos 4:10).

        3. God gave permission for Israel to drive out the people of the land (Num 33:50–53).

        4. God declares war on the wicked as preparation for the peace of the Kingdom (Rev 6, 19).

    B. Then godly men who engaged in war weren't godly.

    C. Then church leaders missed an opportunity to teach against it.

    D. Then protecting innocent lives from bloody dictators is wrong.

II. *Should Christians Go to War?*

    A. There are too many factors in war than can be settled with a "just war" position.

    B. Serving one's country can be seen as "being in subjection to the governing authorities" (Rom 13:1–4; 1 Pet 2:13–14).

    C. Serving in the military can be viewed as serving God and protecting the threatened.

D. Serving in war does not violate Scripture.

E. Praying during war is the responsibility of every believer.

Conclusion:

1. Peace at any price is not right.

2. War is sometimes necessary.

3. The Christian is to "fear God and honor the emperor" (1 Pet 2:17).