

Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a-side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer-cy and will pro-vide.
 God chang-eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be-fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust-ing soul shall prove
 On-ly be-lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e-ter-nal-ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).