

I will...

perform



## Willing

Inside the chrysalis an amazing change happens. The caterpillar dissolves, except perhaps some of its nervous tissue, and groups of cells called imaginal discs use the soup to fuel the cell division necessary to form the parts of the butterfly: an almost completely new creature.

It leaves it's life as a caterpillar behind completely.

In our spiritual life, we also have to leave the old life behind.



# What does it mean to perform?



Find a definition for “perform” in an English dictionary.

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Look up the verse from this week in a concordance or Bible Study program and find out what the original Hebrew word is that it is translated from.

What is the word and what does it mean?

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What do you think the opposite of performing is and what is its effect?

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What do you have to do in order to perform anything?

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*“A man is not a passive instrument to listen to the best arguments of both sin and righteousness, and by a kind of automatic process yield to the guidance of one or the other. There is the possibility of listening to wisdom saying, ‘Cease, my son, to hear the instruction which causeth to err from the words of knowledge,’ and by making such a choice to secure great results in the end, despite human weakness and sin’s deceitfulness.” —Islip Collyer (Conviction and Conduct)*





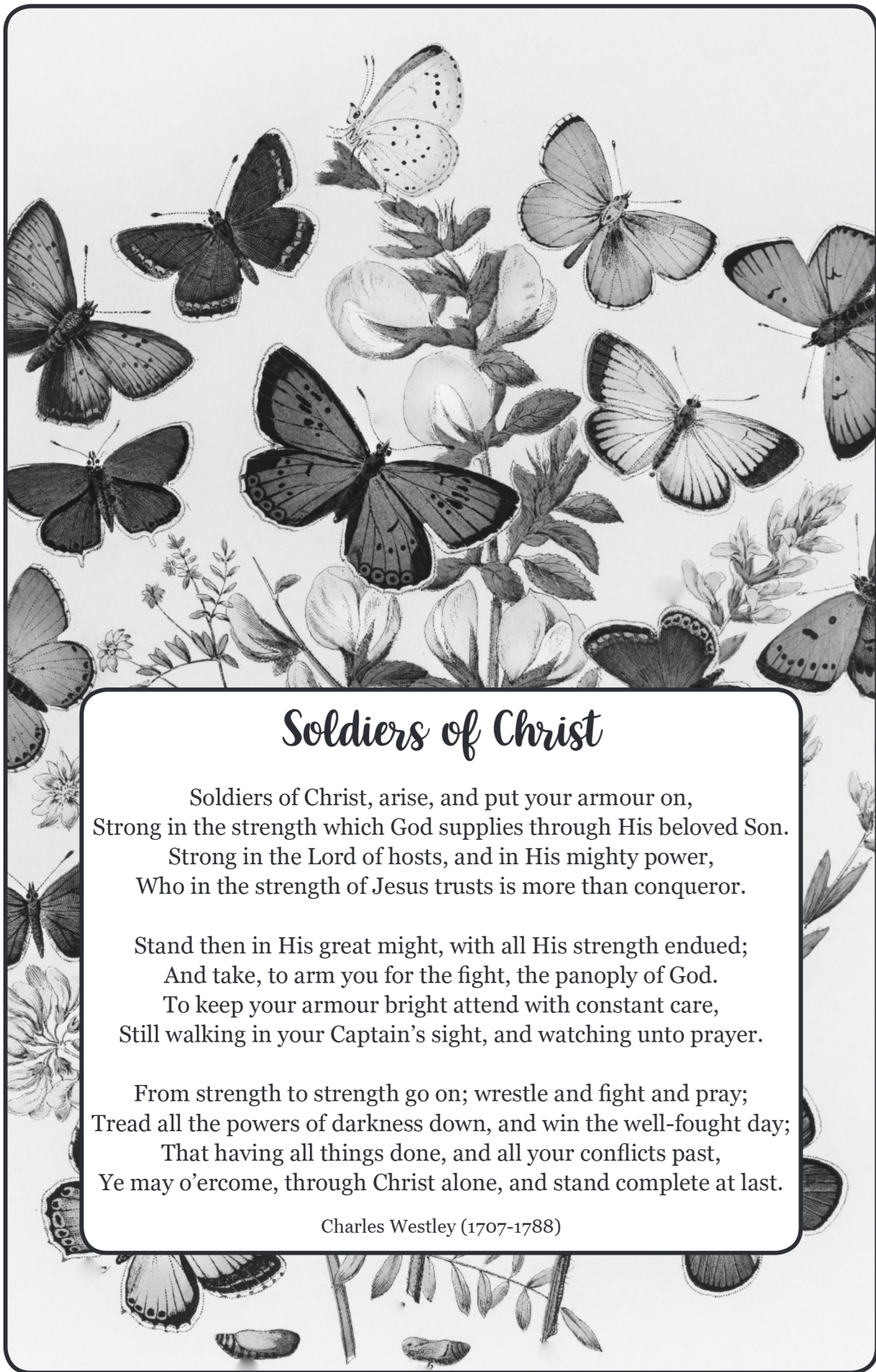












## *Soldiers of Christ*

Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armour on,  
Strong in the strength which God supplies through His beloved Son.  
Strong in the Lord of hosts, and in His mighty power,  
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.

Stand then in His great might, with all His strength endued;  
And take, to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God.  
To keep your armour bright attend with constant care,  
Still walking in your Captain's sight, and watching unto prayer.

From strength to strength go on; wrestle and fight and pray;  
Tread all the powers of darkness down, and win the well-fought day;  
That having all things done, and all your conflicts past,  
Ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone, and stand complete at last.

Charles Westley (1707-1788)



Read through this Psalm several times this week. Find a version of it put to music if you can and listen to it, or find an audio version of it and listen to it. Take some coloured pencils and mark it up.

## Psalm 103

A Psalm of David.

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.