

The 3 Battles *Of* Every Gunfight

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3 Battles In A Gunfight

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There are 3 distinct battles that present in a gunfight. To many in our community the physical fight is what is trained for. The decision to purchase a gun is made for various reasons then the lofty trip to the gun shop to make the purchase happens. For many the preparation stops. Merely having the gun is enough to provide a false sense of comfort and thus nothing more is needed. You know those kinds of people don't you? Then there are the more advanced with their once a month trip to the range to shoot the old "brick" of ammo. Those 50 rounds bring enjoyment and contentment to those foolish enough

to believe that they are ready for the fight. We all have friends like these two described above and we all enjoy their excuses as to why they cant attend a real shooting class or worse why they don't carry everyday. But this article is not for them. It's for you, the serious shooter. You are preparing to be victorious should evil knock on your doorstep. You have sought out serious lifesaving training, you are concerned for your families' safety and you have decided to be ready. Well here is some information to add to your toolbox of knowledge.

AS MENTIONED, THERE ARE 3 BATTLES YOU MUST WIN IN A GUNFIGHT:

1. PHYSICAL

adj.

: Of or relating to the body as distinguished from the mind or spirit.

: Involving or characterized by vigorous bodily activity

2. LEGAL

adj.

: Of, relating to, or concerned with law

: Authorized by or based on law

3. EMOTIONAL

adj.

: Of or relating to emotion

: Marked by or exhibiting emotion

Physical – You must neutralize the threat and keep him from harming you and your family. If it means killing him with your precise shot then so be it! You didn't pick this fight but you must end it and you must win it. Your training, gear, and mindset must be proven and ready at a moments notice. Once the threat is revealed you must answer it with ruthless and prudent violence. You will not be told when and where nor what time, it will just happen. Train, train, and then, train harder. Push yourself outside your comfort zone. Learn and fail on the range so that you won't fail in the physical battle. It will be fast, it will be scary, and it will loud. This event will forever change you. I pray that should it happen to you that your heart and mind be at peace with your decisions and that you will be victorious.





Legal – Once the physical battle is over then the legal one begins. This will be expensive and will last quite along time. Once again, may your heart and mind be at peace with your decisions. The police will arrive and disarm you. You will be questioned at the scene and taken downtown for more questioning and maybe even arrested. You will need a criminal defense attorney. He / She will need to be experienced in criminal defense litigation involving a firearm and should be able to show you cases they have won. Let me stop right here and say, if you don't have one now you are wrong! Join Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network (I am a member too!) so that they can help pull all of this together for you. You need to expect to be made out like a murdering gun nut that has been itching to kill someone with your gun for as long as you have been walking this earth. Your lawyer should inform you of the procedures and the evolving steps that will go on in your defense. Oh, if I didn't say it was going to be expensive...its going to be expensive!

Emotional – The emotional battle is a slow creeping one that sets in over time. Your mind will replay the event over and over till you throw up. You need to prepare your spouse to expect that your character will be tarnished and that you both will experience extreme amounts of guilt and remorse. Again, may your heart and mind be at peace with your decisions. Your spouse will be left without you for some time and that could bring a large burden to bear. The weight could be a strain on your marriage. Even worse, many people have won both the physical and the legal battle only



to later commit suicide because of their guilt and remorse. Long after the other two battles have been won the man in the mirror continues to judge. Those judgments are the worse. There rarely is pride and boasting after a life-changing event like this and many just wish not to speak of it ever again. I pray that you have the support and love from your family and the fortitude to withstand those emotions.

These are things we in the gun community don't talk about during training and on forums. As a serious self-defense trainer I want my students to be aware of these and prepare to be victorious in all three.

May your heart and mind be at peace with your decisions!

Stay Alert and Practice Often!

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