

SPIRITUAL WARFARE BASICS

UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL WEAPONS FOR SUCCESSFUL SPIRITUAL WARFARE

WE ARE IN A SPIRITUAL BATTLE WITH A REAL SPIRITUAL BEING. TO BE SUCCESSFUL WE MUST KNOW OUR ENEMY & BE SKILLFUL IN USING OUR SPIRITUAL WEAPONS

I. WHAT IS SPIRITUAL WARFARE?

Many believers have a tendency to look at spiritual warfare in terms of a specific event and may have an incorrect view of the ongoing spiritual battle (devil attacked me, I'm going through a severe attack from the enemy).

Stress, exhaustion, oppression, a feeling of despair, chronic sickness, fear, worry, hopelessness are the "results" of warfare and the after-effects of the attacks of a very real enemy. (KEEP THE DEVIL OUT OF YOUR HEAD)

Spiritual warfare is not something the enemy throws at us once in a while or that just affects those who are in ministry! It is an ongoing war all believers wage day in and day out.

POWER POINT- SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS THE BATTLE FOR THE SOULS OF MEN BETWEEN GOD & SATAN.

Note: GOD IS A SPIRIT (light, life, love, blessings) VS. SATAN A CREATED SPIRIT (darkness, death, hatred, curse)- HE IS YOUR ENEMY

1 Peter 5:8 ERV

Control yourselves and be careful! The devil is your enemy, and he goes around like a roaring lion looking for someone to attack and eat.

POWER POINT- ONLY SPIRITUAL WEAPONS CAN WIN SPIRITUAL BATTLES

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 TLB

It is true that I am an ordinary, weak human being, but I don't use human plans and methods to win my battles. [4] I use God's mighty weapons, not those made by men, to knock down the devil's strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:5 GNT

we pull down every proud obstacle that is raised against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey Christ.

POWER POINT- JESUS DEFEATED THE DEVIL ON THE CROSS BUT WE MUST MAKE HIS VICTORY OUR PRESENT REALITY.

II. MAJOR SPIRITUAL WEAPONS

SPOKEN WORD

Ephesians 6:17 KJVS

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Jeremiah 23:29 TLB

Does not my word burn like fire? asks the Lord. Is it not like a mighty hammer that smashed the rock to pieces?

Luke 17:6 TLB

"If your faith were only the size of a mustard seed," Jesus answered, "it would be large enough to uproot that mulberry tree over there and send it hurtling into the sea! Your command would bring immediate results!

Matthew 8:8 KJVS

...speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

Matthew 8:16 KJVS

and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

PRAISE

Psalms 149:6 TPT

God's high and holy praises fill their mouths, for their shouted praises are their weapons of war!

Ephesians 5:18-19 NIV

be filled with the Holy Spirit. [19] Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.

2 Chronicles 20:21-22 ERV

forever." [22] As they began to sing and to praise God, the LORD set an ambush for the army from Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir who had come to attack Judah. The enemy was defeated!

PRAYER

James 5:16 NLT

...The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Matthew 26:41 AMP

Keep actively watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Daniel 10:12-13 NLT

Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. [13] But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.

JESUS NAME- HIS AUTHORITY - WE HAVE A LEGAL RIGHT TO USE HIS NAME

Matthew 28:18-19 NLT

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. [19] Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations,...

Mark 16:17 NLT

These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.

Acts 4:12 ERV

Jesus is the only one who can save people. His name is the only power in the world that has been given to save anyone. We must be saved through him!"

LOVE

Romans 12:21 ERV

Don't let evil defeat you, but defeat evil by doing good.

1 Corinthians 13:13 TLB

There are three things that remain-faith, hope, and love-and the greatest of these is love.

FAITH IN GOD

Ephesians 6:16 NIV

take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

1 John 5:4 NLT

For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith.

THE DEVIL WILL ENDEAVOR TO GET YOU TO FIGHT HIM USING NATURAL WEAPONS WALKING BY YOUR SENSES. KEEP HIM IN THE SPIRITUAL ARENA BY USING YOUR SPIRITUAL WEAPONS.

ANGER, WORRY, FEAR ARE 3 MAJOR WAYS TO OPEN THE DOOR TO HIM.

NOTE: BEING JOYFUL & THANKFUL WILL OPEN THE DOOR TO GOD & KEEP TH DOOR CLOSED TO THE DEVIL

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT IS SPIRITUAL WARFARE?
2. WHO IS YOUR REAL ENEMY & WHAT DOES HE WANT TO DO TO YOU?
3. EXPLAIN HOW YOU CAN WAGE SUCCESSFUL SPIRITUAL WARFARE