

# This is War Part 1

## THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

BIG IDEA OF THIS SERIES

**WHAT YOU SEE IS NOT ALL THERE IS**

### WHAT DOES THE DEVIL DO?

- **HE BLINDS THE MINDS OF UNBELIEVERS.**

*The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers...2 Corinthians 4:4*

- **HE STEALS GOD'S WORD FROM YOU.**

*"When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart." Matthew 13:19*

- **HE SETS TRAPS TO ENSNARE YOU.**

*...and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. 2 Timothy 2:26*

- **HE FIGHTS TO STOP YOU. He fights to stop the work of God in your life..**

*For we wanted to come to you-certainly I, Paul, did, again and again-but Satan stopped us. 1 Thessalonians 2:18*

- **HE PLANS TO DESTROY YOU.**

*Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ( notice Devil -- compared to a CAT )*

1 Peter 5:8

## **HOW TO WE FIGHT THIS WAR?**

*Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Ephesians 6:13-18*

1. HELMET OF SALVATION

2. BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

3. THE BELT OF TRUTH,

4. SHOES OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE.

5. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT -- WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD...

6. PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

- **WE DO NOT FIGHT FOR VICTORY. WE FIGHT FROM VICTORY.**

*You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 1 John 4:4*

What we see is not all there is.

1. We are not alone in our battles
2. Our prayers are more powerful than we think