

The Invisible War: Spiritual Warfare Prayer – Pt 4

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Spiritual warfare occurs all the time in the spiritual and natural realm. You must maintain your walk with God to fight and win your spiritual battles.

Satan's Strategy

Distract you from God ⇨ Dilute the truth ⇨ Divide the home & church ⇨ Destroy your witness ⇨ Disappear leaving you defeated & discouraged

How Strongholds Develop in your life

Begins with a tempting thought ⇨ Yield to temptation and it becomes a foothold
⇨ Commit same sin multiple times and it becomes stronghold

How You Can Overcome Satan in Spiritual Warfare

1. Understand the spiritual battle (Eph 6:12). It is a battle that takes place between the physical and spiritual realms. These realms are connected. What you do in the physical world has spiritual consequences. If you allow sin in your life, you will be spiritually weak.
2. Recognize and be ready for your enemy, Satan, by relying on the power of God
3. Tear down strongholds in your life (2 Cor 10:3-4) by submitting to God and resisting the Devil (James 4:7-10)
4. Practice the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible study, service, obedience, etc.
5. Put on the full armor of God
 - a. Belt of Truth – Speak the truth to counter Satan's lies
 - b. Breastplate of Righteousness - Claim your righteousness as a child of God (Rom 3:21-26, Matt 6:33)
 - c. Shoes of the Gospel – When you share the Gospel, you move into enemy territory. As you share the Gospel with others, your faith grows
 - d. Shield of Faith – faith in God's protection, purpose, and plan for your life counters all of Satan's lies (Examples: God does not love you. You can do what you want and not get disciplined)
 - e. Helmet of Salvation – Know what it means to be spiritually saved and be sure of your salvation. Satan cannot take away your salvation
 - f. Sword of the Spirit – God's Word corrects, disciplines, and guides every Christ follower's life (Heb 4:12, 2 Tim 3:16-17)
 - g. Prayer – prayer for yourself and others is the key to spiritual strength and victory over the enemy.