

WHEN ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE!

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Why We're Attacked

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." (John 10:10, NLT)

SATAN	GOD
Distract me from God's purposes.	Draw me into prayer.
Disable me from God's power.	Demonstrate God's power.
Discourage me in God's plan.	Develop me personally.

HOW TO WIN THE WAR

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

1. AS A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST, I SHOULD **EXPECT** SPIRITUAL WARFARE.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power." (Ephesians 6:10, NIV84)

"Timothy, my son, here are my instructions for you, based on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. May they help you fight well in the Lord's battles." (1 Timothy 1:18, NLT)

When to Expect Spiritual Warfare

When God is preparing me for a mission.
When God is sparking a new movement.
When I've just reached the mountaintop.

When NOT to Expect Spiritual Warfare:

WHEN I'M NOT A THREAT!

2. I NEED TO LEARN TO **IDENTIFY** THE ENEMY.

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." (Ephesians 6:12, NIV84)

- **WITHIN ME**

"But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind." (Romans 7:23a, NLT)

- **AROUND ME**

“We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.” (1 John 5:19, NLT)

- **AGAINST ME**

“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:8, NLT)

3. I MUST STUDY HIS **STRATEGIES.**

“...so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.” (Ephesians 6:11, NLT)

“so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes.” (2 Corinthians 2:11, NLT)

The Weapons of the Enemy – Genesis 3:4-6

“You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.” The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.” (Genesis 3:4–6, NLT)

- **LIES**
- **LOVED ONES** (Jesus to Peter, “Get behind me Satan!”)
- **LIFE**

4. I NEED TO **ARMOR UP!**

“Put on the full armor of God...” (Ephesians 6:11, NIV84)

“Therefore put on the full armor of God...” (Ephesians 6:13a, NIV84)

“...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...” (Ephesians 6:14–17, NIV84)

Item	Meaning	Guards Against...	See also...
<i>Belt of truth</i>	INTEGRITY (14a)	Cuts of compromise.	Matthew 22:16
<i>Breastplate of righteousness</i>	PURITY (14b)	Stab to the heart.	Proverbs 4:23
<i>Feet fitted with...peace</i>	STABILITY (15)	Slipping from conflict.	Psalms 119:165; Luke 2:52
<i>Shield of faith</i>	CERTAINTY (16)	Darts of doubt.	Romans 8:28; Hebrews 10:23
<i>Helmet of salvation</i>	CLARITY (17a)	Club of confusion.	1 Corinthians 2:16; Mark 5:1-20

5. I NEED TO GET IN THE BATTLE.

- AIM YOUR ARTILLERY.

“...take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” (Ephesians 6:17b, NLT)

“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword...” (Hebrews 4:12, NLT)

Jesus in the desert (Luke 4:1-13)

- CALL IN THE COMMANDER.

“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion.” (Ephesians 6:18a, NLT)

- READ YOUR RADAR.

“Stay alert...” (Ephesians 6:18b, NLT)

- COVER YOUR COMRADES.

“...be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.” (Ephesians 6:18c, NLT)

6. I NEED TO CLARIFY THE WIN.

“Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” (Ephesians 6:11, NIV84)

“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.” (Ephesians 6:13, NIV84)

“Stand firm then...” (Ephesians 6:14, NIV84)

UNDERSTAND WHO I STAND UNDER.

“And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.” (Revelation 12:11, NLT)

“But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.” (1 John 4:4, NLT)

ACTION:
INVITE SOMEONE TO OUR NEW SERIES!