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Ephesians 6:13-18 : Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

Sword - Machaira: it was a very deadly, frightful, and feared sword to all enemies. It was a dagger type of sword that was razor sharp and used in close combat; it also means judicial punishment, known as the sword of justice in the possession of the executioner; to bear the sword meant to have the power of life and death.

Because we bare the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, we bare the power of life and death.

Word of God - Rhema - something that is spoken clearly and vividly, in unmistakable terms and in undeniable language that comes through revelation by the Holy Spirit.

In order to understand the word of God as our weapon, we have to understand its nature.

First of all the Sword of the Spirit is not a what, it is a who

John 1:1-2 NKJV: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God.

We can better understand the nature of the Word by understanding the purpose of Jesus.

Part of His purpose was to destroy the works of the devil.

We can even see evidence of this in Jesus' time in wilderness.
Jesus, the word, used the word to combat the devil.
The purpose of the word has not changed.

So, the word is not just a book, it is a person, and if the word is a person then the word is living.

Hebrews 4:12 NKJV : For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Bible isn't just a bunch of word on a page. They are the living words of a living God.

Because the word is a living person, the word imparts life.

Proverbs 4:20-23 NKJV: My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:24 NKJV: Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you.

Psalms 120: 1-4 NLT: I took my troubles to the Lord; I cried out to him, and he answered my prayer. Rescue me, O Lord, from liars and from all deceitful people. O deceptive tongue, what will God do to you? How will he increase your punishment? You will be pierced with sharp arrows and burned with glowing coals.

Also, because the word of God is God Himself, the word is powerful.

It is powerful enough affect the success of our life as well.

Joshua 1:8 NLT: Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

But in order to access all of these things there are certain principles and disciplines that we must engage

Psalms 63:1 NKJV: O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You

Psalms 119: 1- 9 NKJV : Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the Lord! 2Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart! 3They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways. 4You have commanded us To keep Your precepts diligently. 5Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes! 6Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commandments. 7I will praise You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments. 8I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly! 9How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

Psalms 119:1 NLT - Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the Lord.

Psalms 119:1 Passion: You're only truly happy when you walk in total integrity, walking in the light of God's word.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 NLT: We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. 5We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.