

### The Sword of the Spirit

Ephesians 6:17b

## 1. A Needed \_\_\_\_\_

The short-bladed, double-edged weapon of the Roman soldier was the essential means of combat. Every member of the army was issued one and trained in its use.

If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. ~ 1 Timothy 4:6

# 2. A Supernatural \_\_\_\_\_

We need not try to make the word of God powerful, for the word of God is mighty when wielded by the Spirit. As the Spirit motivates you to speak His word, so He will also be the One to empower its effect.

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." ~ John 6:63

### 3. A Divine \_\_\_\_\_

The Scriptures are not a collection of human interests or the spiritual ponderings of man. They are the revelation of the Divine mind and the illumination of God's will. The Bible is not man-made but God breathed.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. ~ 2 Timothy 3:16

## Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.



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# **Additional Scripture References**

(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

#### Hebrews 5:14

But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

#### Colossians 2:8

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

#### 1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### James 3:15-17

This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

#### 1 Thessalonians 1:5

Because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

#### 2 Corinthians 10:4

For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

### Romans 3:2

To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God.

#### 1 Thessalonians 2:13

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.