

A close-up, low-angle shot of a sword lying horizontally across a dark, textured book cover. The book's spine is visible on the right, featuring the words "HOLY BIBLE" in large, gold, raised letters. The sword's hilt is dark and intricately patterned, and its gold-colored hilt cap is visible. The background is blurred, creating a sense of depth.

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

**HOLY BIBLE**

# John 14:23 (ESV)

“If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

Q: Are we willing to be under  
God's authority and keep (obey) His word?



# SPIRITUAL WARFARE

*Advancing the Kingdom – Fighting for the lost!*

# Ephesians 6:18-20 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power....

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. <sup>19</sup> And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. <sup>20</sup> I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

# 1- Our Power Source

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion.

What does praying in the Spirit look like?

- When we pray guided by Scripture
- When we surrender our will in prayer and invite God's leading
- When our prayers reflect the character and mission of Jesus

**The Spirit is Power!**

## 2 – Pray at All Times

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit **at all times** and **on every occasion**. Stay alert and be **persistent** in your prayers...

- Pray Scripture during temptation; Talk to God often
- Pray when you see needs around you
- Pray before decisions; Pray for discernment

**Q: Is prayer a task or a lifestyle?**

### 3 – Stay alert

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Spiritual warfare is  
not a solo mission

## 3a - Stay awake! Mark 13:34-37 (NLT)

34 “The coming of the Son of Man can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. When he left home, he gave each of his slaves instructions about the work they were to do, and he told the gatekeeper to watch for his return. 35 **You, too, must keep watch!** For you don’t know when the master of the household will return—in the evening, at midnight, before dawn, or at daybreak. 36 **Don’t let him find you sleeping** when he arrives without warning. 37 I say to you what I say to everyone: **Watch for him!**”

# What comes after the armor?

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## 3b - We all have a Kingdom Assignment

<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

Q: Has our love for Jesus grown cold?

Q: Are we so in love with Jesus that we can't stop talking about Him?

# Why would our love grow cold?

<sup>12</sup> And because **lawlessness** will be increased, the **love of many will grow cold**. <sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:12-14 (ESV)

Lawlessness (Strong's 458) Greek: anomia:  
Rejecting or not submitting to the authority of God

# Has our love for the gospel grown cold?

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

Psalm 51:10-12 (NLT)



# In closing...

- Has our love for Jesus grown cold?
- Are we walking in authority (obedience) to God's word?
- Will we ask God for boldness like Paul? (Courage!)

Prayer is not  
the end of spiritual warfare  
It is the battlefield to share the gospel!