

Take Up The
Sword of the Spirit

Armor
Up!

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The sword of
the Spirit



The Christian's Sword

- **(Eph 6:17 NIV)** Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
- **The Sword** = a short sword used for close hand-to-hand combat.
- **The Sword Is The Word Of God**

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(Heb 4:12 NIV) For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

▪ **God's Word Is Like:**

- **A mirror** **A hammer**
- **A fire** **A seed**
- **A light** **A sword**

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The Bible Equips The Christian

- (2 Tim 3:16 NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

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The Purpose Of The Written Word

- **To Believe In Christ** ~~ John 20:31
- **To Build Faith** ~~ Rom 10:17
- **To Give Us Hope** ~~ Rom 15:4
- **To Stimulate Wholesome Thinking** ~~ 2 Pet 3:1

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It Should Be Correctly Handled

- **(2 Tim 2:15 NIV)** Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Keeps Us From Error

- **(Mark 12:24 NIV)** Jesus replied, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?"

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The Believer Should Remember Or Recall The Words Of God

- (2 Pet 3:2 NIV) I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

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**God's Word Helps Us To Be Prepared To Give An Answer For
The Hope That We Have**

- **(1 Pet 3:15 NIV)** But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

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This Sword Is “The Word Became Flesh”:

- Jesus Is The Personal Message Of God
- Jesus Is The Word
- Jesus Is The Message To Man

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(John 5:39 NIV) You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. **These are the Scriptures that testify about me, (40) yet you refuse to come to me to have life.**

- **Jesus Is The Living Word**
- **Jesus Is The Word That Gives Life**
- **We Can Know The Word Personally**

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Jesus: The Living Word

- **Word = Logos = The Written Word**
- **Word = Rhema = A Word Spoken by God**

- **Rhema Is Specific Spoken Word – Which Articulates The Dynamic Activity Or Action Of The Holy Spirit For A Specific Individual, Circumstance, Or Situation**

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The Sword Of The Spirit Is The Rhema~Word Of God

A Rhema~Word Is Powerful And Effective Because It Is
Straight From God ~~ Specifically Destined For Your Need

“It Is Written, 'Man Shall Not Live On Bread Alone, But On Every
Word ([Rhema](#)) That Proceeds Out Of The Mouth Of God.”
([Mt 4:4](#))

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The Christian's Sword is a Rhema Word from the Spirit:

The Spirit Gives Us the Power to Defeat the Enemy

*It is a Dagger To Take Down The Enemy – Conveyed to Us
Thru The Inner Voice of the Holy Spirit*

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We Need to be Filled w/The Spirit

(John 7:37-38 NIV) "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.(38) Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

(John 14:16 NIV) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever~

(John 14:26 NIV) ... But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

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The Sword Of The Spirit Answers The Question: How Do We Stand Against The Attacks Of The Enemy?

- The Only Piece Of Armor That Isn't Meant For Defense
- **No Rhema From God Will Ever Fail**
- **We Need A Rhema Word From God – A Specific, Directed, Razor Sharp, Armor Piercing, Word From The Lord**

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We Must Stand Without Compromise

- We Must Stand To Withstand The Efforts Of The Enemy
- There Is A Battle To Be Fought And Won
- The Sword Is Our Weapon Of Offense

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God's Word Can Be Comforting or Frightening

- It Can Slay The Enemy or Cut To The Center Of Our Hearts
- God's Word Is Alive And Active
- The Same Word That Gives Life Can Cut Away And Crucify All That Is Not Life In Us

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We Are In A Battle Between...

- Right And Wrong
 - Light And Dark
 - Holy And Evil
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- The Word Cuts To The Heart And Differentiates

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The Holy Spirit Uses Weapons Of Spiritual Warfare

- Chief Among Them Is The All-Powerful ~~ Unchanging –
Word Of God
- God Has Many Means Of Defeating The ~~ All Of Them
Revolve Around The Word

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NIV) — 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

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The Sword Is Our Weapon:

- It Stabs The Heart, Removes The Tongue, And Shuts The Mouth Of The Enemy
- Divinely Designed To Fit Every Life, Every Hand, Every Situation
- It Equips And Energizes Us – It Empowers Us
- We Are Told To “Take It Up.” We Are Never Told To “Put It Down!”

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A hand holding a glowing sword against a blue sky background. The sword is held in the bottom left corner, and its blade extends towards the center, emitting a bright light and radiating lines. The background is a blue sky with some clouds. The text 'The sword of the Spirit' is overlaid on the sky.

The Word Is Your Weapon:

- Take It Up—
- Get It In Your Heart, Mind, and Hands
- Speak It With Your Lips
- It Fits Every Situation
- It Will Make You An Overcoming Warrior