



Spiritual Warfare is an unavoidable reality!

So what is it? - Not just the demonic. It is the opposition we all face regardless of whether it comes from external influence or internal struggle. It is the regular battle that every person faces, to do what is either righteous or unrighteous.

Be Aware

Spiritual Fights Require Spiritual Sight

“Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. 11 And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.”

Daniel 10:10-13

Battles Are Real

- **Not allegorical or metaphorical**

Battles Are Inevitable

- Part of the package**
- Don't get distraught**

“When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt. So it shall be, when you are on the verge of battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people.

And he shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them; for the Lord your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.’”

Deuteronomy 20:1-4

- The Battle is Inevitable but so is the Victory

Battles Are Really Biblical

“Blessed be the Lord my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle—”

Psalm 144:1

Be Prepared

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 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—

Ephesians 6:10-18

Secure What's Unsound

- Be Strong

- “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.”

1 Corinthians 16:13

- “Quit ye like men”

Understand Your Enemy

- not insignificant or insurmountable

- Deceiver

**(Genesis 3; 2 Corinthians 11:3; 11:14;
Revelation 12:9; 20:10; John 8:44)**

- Destroyer/Devourer

(1 Peter 5:8; John 10:10)

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- Divider

(2 Corinthians 4:4; 2 Timothy 2:26; Acts 5:3)

“lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

(2 Corinthians 2:11)

Armor Up

- Armor is designed to keep us standing and in the fight!**

Belt of Truth

**“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God,
a worker who does not need to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.”**

- 2 Timothy 2:15

Breastplate of Righteous

“and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;”

- Philippians 3:9

Protective Shoes of Preparation

**“How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good news,
Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad
tidings of good things, Who proclaims
salvation, Who says to Zion,
‘Your God reigns!’”**

- Isaiah 52:7

Shield of Faith

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.”

- Hebrews 11:1-2

- Faith Builders

- Faith Breakers

Helmet of Salvation

- Isaiah 26:3

Sword of The Spirit

- “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. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”

Hebrews 4:12,13

Sharpen Your Spiritual Senses

- Watch For Openings To Attack**
- Watch For Incoming Attacks**
- Watch For Fallen Friends**

Be Engaged - Don't Get Snared

Put The Pieces In Play

- **“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”**

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Practices For Gaining Ground

- Pray**
- Read**
- Fellowship**
- Worship**
- Serve/Engage**

Keep Your Eyes On Him

- **“You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.**

2 Timothy 2:3,4

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- **Don't focus on the lures that look to distract**
- **Earthly perspectives are not as profitable as eternal ones**
- **Pursue pleasing God over all others**

Take The Victory On His Terms

- **“And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, “Are You for us or for our adversaries?””**

So He said, “No, but as Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, “What does my Lord say to His servant?” Then the Commander of the Lord’s army said to Joshua, “Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.” And Joshua did so.”

Joshua 5:13-15

Don't Fall To Fatigue

- **“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”**

Galatians 6:9

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"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." - John 16:33



