

THE ART OF BIBLICAL WARFARE

2 Corinthians 10:3–6 (NASB95)

3 **For though**

we walk in the flesh

[We live in mortal bodies.]

4 **for**

we do not war according to the flesh

[We don't war using the same tactics as unbelieving mankind.]

but

the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh

[God supplies believers with spiritual weapons.]

[the weapons of our warfare are] **divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses**

5 **We are destroying**

[The spiritual weapons we receive from God are empowered by God and to be used to destroy the mental fortresses of lies and deceptions.]

speculations

and

every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God

and

we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

6 **and**

we are ready to punish all disobedience

[Two-fold goal of our warfare.]

whenever your obedience is complete

[The Corinthians had allowed false teachers to come into the church, teaching false doctrine, slandering the Apostle Paul, etc. Before the Corinthian believers could engage in spiritual warfare outside the church, they needed to repent of their own sin and submit to the Apostle Paul.]

I. WE LIVE IN FLESHLY BODIES

II. DON'T WAR WITH FLESHLY TACTICS

III. DON'T WAR WITH FLESHLY WEAPONS

IV. BE WARING WITH WEAPONS EMPOWERED BY GOD

V. BE WARING WITH HEAVENLY TACTICS

A. We Destroy False Speculations

B. We Destroy Prideful Attacks Against God

C. We Take Every Thought Captive

D. We Are Prepared to Practice Church Discipline