

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

The Christian is born into a kingdom at war. For the Christian the promise of peace never indicates the absence of struggle or hostility in our lives. Peace comes from the presence and promises of God.

Whether we realize it or not, we are living in war zone.

I. THE THREE ENEMIES:

- a. THE _____
 - i. Limited, but intelligent being.
 - ii. Fallen Angel

1 Peter 5:8 (KJV 1900)

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

- b. THE _____
 - i. _____ of this world
 - ii. Collective _____ and _____ of this age

1 John 2:15–16 (KJV 1900)

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

_____ with the world = _____ toward God

“...Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.” – James 4:4

- c. THE _____:
 - i. The sinful nature we inherited from Adam.
 - ii. This natural mind is not subject to God and must be renewed.

Galatians 5:16–17 (KJV 1900)

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

II. THE NATURE OF THE BATTLE:

- a. THE BATTLE IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE AND A BATTLE OF THE _____:

He cannot control you spiritually or physically until He first controls you _____.

2 Corinthians 10:4–5 (KJV 1900)

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

2 Corinthians 11:3 (KJV 1900)

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

b. THE BATTLE IS NOT ABOUT _____ VICTORY OVER SATAN, BUT
_____ THE VICTORY OF JESUS CHRIST:

Colossians 2:13–15 (KJV 1900)

13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

c. WE DO NOT FIGHT AGAINST _____:

Ephesians 6:10–12 (KJV 1900)

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

If the devil can convince you that people are the enemy, he is succeeding. He wants us to bite and devour one another.

d. WE DO NOT FIGHT WITH WEAPONS OF THE FLESH, BUT _____:

2 Corinthians 10:3–5 (KJV 1900)

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

i. Carnal Weapons:

1. Human _____
2. Human _____
3. Carnal _____ and _____.

ii. Spiritual Weapons:

Ephesians 6:13–18 (KJV 1900)

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

1. Girdle of _____ – Operate in truth.
2. Breastplate of _____
3. Shoes of _____ – Walk in peace
4. Shield of _____ – Quenches the fiery darts
5. Helmet of _____ – His finished work
6. Sword of the Spirit – The _____ of God
7. _____ in the Spirit

III. KEYS TO VICTORY:

- a. MUST HAVE _____:
 - i. Resolve to fight - We must prepare ourselves for the battle
 - ii. Perseverance – Refuse to quit

2 Timothy 2:3 (KJV 1900)

3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

- b. _____: PERSONAL COMMITMENTS
 - i. Prayer:
 1. Daily Prayer
 2. Praying in the Spirit
 3. Intercession and Travail
 - ii. Fasting:
 1. Discipline over the flesh
 2. Power in the spirit realm

c. _____ OF SATAN'S TACTICS:

i. Be not _____:

2 Corinthians 2:11 (KJV 1900)

11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

ii. Be _____:

1 Thessalonians 5:8 (KJV 1900)

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

iii. Cunning and _____

Ephesians 6:11 (KJV 1900)

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

d. _____ WITH THE BODY:

Ephesians 4:1–3 (KJV 1900)

1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

i. _____ are the bait of Satan

ii. His goal is to _____ and conquer

e. DON'T GIVE A _____ TO THE ENEMY:

Ephesians 4:25–27 (KJV 1900)

25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27 Neither give place to the devil.

i. Choose to _____ – Unforgiveness is a foothold

ii. Choose to _____ sin – Denying sin is a foothold

iii. Choose to set up _____ against temptation.