

"FIGHTING OUR SPIRITUAL WARFARE VICTORIOUSLY"
2 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6

INTRO: ARE YOU AWARE OF THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE YOU FACE DAY BY DAY AS A CHRISTIAN? MANY CHRISTIANS ARE NOT! AND YET OUR SPIRITUAL BATTLE IS AS REAL AS LIFE ITSELF. As a Christian, EVERYTHING YOU DO IS A SPIRITUAL MATTER because YOU ARE ALIVE SPIRITUALLY through Faith in Jesus Christ. And thus every moment of every day every Christian is in a SPIRITUAL BATTLE.

- The Spiritual Battle with Self
- The Spiritual Battle at Home
- The Spiritual Battle at Work
- The Spiritual Battle at School
- The Spiritual Battle Right Now

Satan himself is the NUMBER ONE OBJECT behind our Spiritual Battles and is out to destroy us. Thus it is very significant that each of us know how to **RECOGNIZE AND FIGHT OUR SPIRITUAL WARFARE VICTORIOUSLY.**

THIS WILL BE THE FOCUS ON OUR STUDY TODAY

NOTE: NOT UNDERSTANDING OUR SPIRITUAL BATTLE WILL BRING SPIRITUAL DEFEAT. MANY CHRISTIANS ARE DEFEATED TODAY!

I. THE REALITY OF THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE - VS. 3

NOTE: We live in the **FLESH** but do not war according to the **FLESH** because our **WARFARE** is **SPIRITUAL** not **CARNAL**.

- A. We are in a Spiritual Warfare
 - 2 Timothy 2:3,4; 4:7
- B. We are in a Spiritual Warfare that is Satanic Empowered
 - Ephesians 6:10-12
- C. We are in a Spiritual Warfare that is Carnal in Appearance
 - 1 John 2:16

NOTE: Spiritual warfare comes through Carnal temptations to lie, to steal, to drink, to have illicit sex, to rebel against authority, etc.

- D. We are in a Spiritual Warfare Constantly
 - 1 Peter 5:8

II. THE RESTRAINT OF THE SPIRITUAL WEAPONRY - VSS. 4,5

NOTE: God has given us **SPIRITUAL WEAPONS** to **RESTRAIN** the **SPIRITUAL WARFARE** that will bring **SPIRITUAL VICTORY**.

- A. Our Weapons of Restraint are NOT Carnal
 - 1. Not Originated in Fleshly Conception
 - 2. Not Developed in Fleshly Activity
- B. Our Weapons of Restraint are POSITIVELY Spiritual
 - 1. Because the Battle is Spiritual against Satan and all of his Wicked Ways
 - 2. Because the Battle is Spiritual, only Spiritual Weapons are Victorious
- C. Our Weapons of Restraint are Divine
 - 1. They Originate from God - "**Mighty Through God**"
 - 2. They are Won through God - "**Pulling Down of Strongholds**"
- D. Our Weapons of Restraint are Victorious

"CASTING DOWN IMAGINATIONS AND EVERY HIGH THING THAT EXALTETH ITSELF AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD"

1. Our Spiritual Weapons have the ABILITY and the POWER to DESTROY every thought, idea, speculation, reasoning, philosophy, or false religion that **BARRICADES ITSELF** against God, the Gospel and His People.

2. Our Spiritual Weapons have the ABILITY and the POWER to BRING every thought, idea, speculation, reasoning, philosophy, or false religion that **REBELS AGAINST GOD** to the **OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST**.

III. THE READINESS OF THE SPIRITUAL WARRIOR - VS. 6

NOTE: *God has provided the SPIRITUAL WARRIOR (Each Christian) with the SPIRITUAL WEAPONRY to bring ALL DISOBEDIENCE (Sin) caused by being defeated in the SPRITIUAL BATTLE to the point of TOTAL OBEDIENCE TO BIBLICAL TRUTH.*

A. The Spiritual Warrior **MUST BE READY TO APPLY** the Spiritual Weaponry in order to have Spiritual Victory

B. The Spiritual Warrior **MUST UNDERSTAND** Spiritual Weaponry and **BE READY TO APPLY** it for Spiritual Victory

1. God's Spiritual Weaponry does not utilize Human Tactics to Assault Satan, His Demons or Sinful Activities - Jude 9

2. God's Spiritual Weaponry utilizes Biblical Truth to Defeat Satan, His Demons or Sinful Activities

GOD'S SPIRITUAL WEAPONRY FOR TRUTH IS THREE-FOLD

- a. The Word of God - John 17:17 (It Sanctifies Us)
- b. The Holy Spirit of God - John 16:13 (He Guides Us)
- c. The Church of God - 1 Timothy 3:15 (It Stabilizes Us)

LESSON/APPLICATION

1) Remember **YOU** are in a **SPIRITUAL BATTLE** every moment of every day.

2) Don't even **THINK** that you can have **SPIRITUAL VICTORY** without the **SPIRITUAL WEAPONS** God has given you.

3) For the sake of **YOUR SPIRITUAL VICTORY** in the midst of **YOUR SPIRITUAL WARFARE**, be **CERTAIN** to apply the **WEAPONS GOD** has given you for **SPIRITUAL VICTORY**.