

## 15. EVERYONE IS TEMPTED - IT IS HOW WE HANDLE IT THAT IS IMPORTANT

(James 1:12-17 KJV) Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. {13} Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: {14} But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. {15} Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. {16} Do not err, my beloved brethren. {17} Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

(Hebrews 4:15-16 KJV) For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. {16} Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

(1 John 5:1 KJV) Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

(Romans 8:37 KJV) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

(Philippians 4:13 KJV) I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

(1 John 4:4 KJV) Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

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## **SPIRITUAL WARFARE SERIES**

### **LESSON 1 - INTRODUCING SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

(1 Timothy 6:12 KJV) Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

#### **1. THE START OF THE WAR**

##### **A. THE GLORY PROBLEM**

(Ezekiel 28:12-17 KJV) Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. {13} Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. {14} Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up {15} Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. {16} By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. {17} Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

(Matthew 4:8-9 KJV) Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; {9} And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

(2 Thessalonians 2:3 KJV) Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; {4} Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

(John 5:43 KJV) I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

>Satan tries to get people to honor and glorify other things so that God will be excluded from their life.

## **B. THE SELF PROBLEM**

(Isaiah 14:12-14 KJV) How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! {13} For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: {14} I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

(Proverbs 3:5-8 KJV) Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. {6} In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. {7} Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. {8} It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

>Satan wants people to look to themselves and others to work out their problems instead of God.

## **2. THE BATTLE LINES ARE DRAWN**

(Genesis 3:15 KJV) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

### **THE TWO KINGDOMS**

(Colossians 1:13 KJV) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

(Matthew 4:5-7 KJV) Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, {6} And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. {7} Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

## **C. THE LUST OF THE EYES**

(Matthew 4:8-10 KJV) Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; {9} And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. {10} Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

## **D. REMEMBER YOUR CAPTAIN'S EXAMPLE: STAND YOUR GROUND - DON'T BE AFRAID**

(Joshua 1:9 KJV) Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

## **> USE YOUR SWORD, THE WORD OF GOD EXPECT GOD TO SEND THE ARMY OF HEAVEN TO HELP YOU!**

(Matthew 4:11 KJV) Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

(Hebrews 1:13-14 KJV) But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? {14} Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

## **> TRUST GOD FOR VICTORY**

(James 4:7 KJV) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

(1 John 2:15-17 KJV) 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. {17} And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

### **> CAN YOU SEE HOW SATAN USED THESE THREE AREAS IN THE GARDEN?**

(Genesis 3:6 KJV) And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

### **13. SATAN'S POWER IS LIMITED BY GOD AND HE CAN ONLY TEMPT US IN ONE OF THESE THREE WAYS THAT WE CAN UNDERSTAND.**

(1 Corinthians 10:13 KJV) There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

### **14. CAN YOU SEE HOW SATAN USED THESE SAME THREE AREAS OF ATTACK ON JESUS?**

#### **A. THE LUST OF THE FLESH**

(Matthew 4:1-4 KJV) Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. {2} And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. {3} And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. {4} But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

#### **B. THE PRIDE OF LIFE**

### **THE BATTLE IS ESCALATING**

(Matthew 24:6-8 KJV) And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. {7} For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. {8} All these are the beginning of sorrows.

### **3. SATAN'S WEAPONS**

#### **A. THE LIE**

(John 8:44 KJV) Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

#### **B. DECEPTION**

(2 Corinthians 11:3 KJV) But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

#### **C. A HOLLOW ROAR**

(1 Peter 5:8 KJV) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

#### **D. OUR CO-OPERATION**

(James 1:13-16 KJV) Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: {14} But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. {15} Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. {16} Do not err, my beloved brethren.

We are therefore to look for the cause of every sin, in , not out of ourselves. Even the injections of the devil cannot hurt before we

make them our own. (John Wesley, *WESLEY'S NOTES ON THE NEW TESTAMENT*)

#### **4. THE OUTCOME OF THIS WAR IS ALREADY SETTLED**

(Revelation 19:19-21 KJV) And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. {20} And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. {21} And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

(Colossians 2:14-15 KJV) 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 show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

(John 12:31 KJV) Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

(1 John 4:4 KJV) Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

(Luke 10:17-20 KJV) And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. {18} And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. {19} Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. {20} Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

#### **5. GOD'S BATTLE PLAN**

(John 8:31-32 KJV) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; {32} And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

#### **HE WANTS YOU TO THINK THAT BECAUSE YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN YOU ARE MISSING OUT ON THINGS.**

(Genesis 3:5 KJV) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

(Psalms 84:11-12 KJV) For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. {12} O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

(1 Peter 4:3-4 KJV) For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: {4} Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

#### **11. THOSE OUTSIDE OF CHRIST WANT TO BE THEIR OWN GOD**

(Genesis 3:5 KJV) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

This is still humanity's problem. Men and women want to live the way they choose to live, not as God declares they should live. In other words, men and women outside of Christ want to be their own god. (Dr. Ed Murphy, *THE HANDBOOK FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE*, 1992 Thomas Nelson Publishers, p. 42-43)

#### **12. SATAN HAS THREE AREAS THAT HE CAN ATTACK WITH TEMPTATION**

- > LUST OF THE FLESH
- > LUST OF THE EYES
- > PRIDE OF LIFE

(1 Corinthians 6:9-11 KJV) Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, {10} Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. {11} And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

(Galatians 5:19-21 KJV) Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, {20} Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, {21} Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

### **> THE TRUTH SETS US FREE FROM SIN**

(John 8:31-36 KJV) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; {32} And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. {33} They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? {34} Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. {35} And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. {36} If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

### **> BELIEVING SATAN'S LIES IS DEADLY**

(2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 KJV) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. {11} And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: {12} That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

## **10. SATAN MADE EVE THINK THAT GOD WAS HOLDING THINGS BACK FROM HER.**

(1 John 3:8 KJV) He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

## **6. HOW THE BATTLE IS FOUGHT**

### **A. SATAN'S DEFENSE**

**>He is the father of the unsaved -  
this is his territory and he defends it!**

(Luke 8:12 KJV) Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

(2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

### **B. SATAN'S OFFENSE AGAINST CHRISTIANS - GOD'S PROPERTY**

(1 Corinthians 10:13 KJV) There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

(1 Chronicles 21:1 KJV) And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

(Zechariah 3:1 KJV) And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

### **C. OUR OFFENSE, THE WORD OF GOD**

(Ephesians 6:17 KJV) And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

(Jeremiah 23:29 KJV) Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

#### D. OUR DEFENSE, THE ARMOUR OF GOD

(Ephesians 6:10-18 KJV) 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. {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;

>Why are the Leg Guards (Greaves) not mentioned?

>Why does the Christian armour have no protection for the back-side?

(2 Corinthians 10:3-5 KJV) 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;

#### 7. THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE

(\*All the comments on our weapons in the rest of our lesson are from Bill and Sharon Schnoebelen's

book, *BLOOD ON THE DOORPOSTS*, Chapter 12, The Christian's Manual of Arms, p. 153)

(Psalms 33:4 KJV) For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

(Isaiah 40:8 KJV) The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJV) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: {17} That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

#### B. SHE BEGAN TO DOUBT GOD'S GOODNESS

(Jeremiah 29:11-14 KJV) For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. {12} Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. {13} And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. {14} And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

(Romans 8:28 KJV) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

#### 9. EVE WAS NOW READY FOR THE LIE

(Genesis 3:4 KJV) And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

#### > SIN DOES KILL

(Ezekiel 18:4 KJV) Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

(Romans 6:23 KJV) For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Isaiah 43:25 KJV) I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

(Revelation 12:10 KJV) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

A tactic Satan gets a great deal of mileage from is to put a thought into our mind and then accuse us for having it. (Timothy M. Warner, *SPIRITUAL WARFARE*, 1991 Crossway Books, p. 100)

## 7. NIP IT IN THE BUD !

(James 4:7 KJV) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

We start with the danger of a two-way conversation, either verbally or within the mind, with the Devil on his terms. Satan began with the question, "Has God indeed said...?" Instead of silencing him, Eve answered his question."(Dr. Ed Murphy, *THE HANDBOOK FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE*, 1992 Thomas Nelson Publishers, p. 35)

## 8. ANSWERING SATAN'S QUESTION AND DWELLING ON HIS THOUGHTS HAD TWO RESULTS FOR EVE.

### A. SHE BEGAN TO DOUBT GOD'S WORD "HATH GOD SAID?"

(Psalms 19:7 KJV) The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

(Psalms 12:6 KJV) The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

(Proverbs 30:5 KJV) Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

## A. THE GIRDLE OF TRUTH

>You must be convinced of the truth of God in His Word and His promises therein. \*

(John 8:31-32 KJV) Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; {32} And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

>This calls for an open, honest, sincere warrior who is girded about with dependability and integrity-and is confident of God's truth.\*

## B. THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

>A conscience cleansed from sin.\*

(1 Corinthians 1:30 KJV) But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

>The Believer already Has God's righteousness but he or she needs to KNOW it as a Bible-based fact. That enables him or her to wear it into battle.\*

(Romans 10:1-4 KJV) Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. {2} For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. {3} For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. {4} For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

(Matthew 5:20 KJV) For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

## C. FEET SHOD WITH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

>Above all, this means a readiness to reconcile broken or strained relationships.\*

(Romans 12:18 KJV) If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

(Matthew 5:9 KJV) Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

(Romans 5:1 KJV) Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

>John Wesley witnessed to highwaymen while they stole from his saddlebags!\*

#### D. SHIELD OF FAITH

>This is the unwavering confidence that God will perform what He has promised.\*

(Romans 4:20-21 KJV) He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; {21} And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

(Ephesians 6:16 KJV) Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

>The Roman infantryman going into combat would wet down his shield with a good dose of water. That would keep the wicker supple (rather than brittle) and would prevent the wicker or pitch from catching fire. The soldier of the Lord needs to go daily to the living water of Jesus and soak their faith.\*

(John 4:14 KJV) But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

#### E. THE HELMET OF SALVATION

>Many Christians are spiritual “streakers”. The only piece

(Matthew 4:10 KJV) Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

### 5, HOW CAN WE KNOW WHEN SATAN IS TRYING TO PUT THOUGHTS INTO OUR MIND?

#### > PRAY FOR DISCERNMENT

(1 Corinthians 12:10 KJV) To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

#### > TRY THE SPIRITS

(1 John 4:1 KJV) Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

God will never speak anything that is contrary to his revealed Word or character. I have found that the Holy Spirit is gentle, clear, and consistent in his leading. He leads by an inward prompting that has a ‘ring of rightness’ to it. Often other persons or circumstances will confirm his voice.....

An evil spirit compels a certain thought or behavior, and leaves us in a state of confusion and heaviness....Devilish promptings lead us to unfruitful dead ends. (Thomas B. White, *THE BELIEVER’S GUIDE TO SPIRITUAL WARFARE*, 1990 Servant Publications, p. 149)

### 6. SATAN THE ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN WILL TRY TO BRING YOUR SINS OUT FROM UNDER THE BLOOD OF JESUS

(Psalms 103:12 KJV) As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

(Micah 7:19 KJV) He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.



(1 Chronicles 21:1 KJV) And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

(John 13:2 KJV) And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

(Acts 5:3 KJV) But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

### 3. WINNING THE BATTLE IN OUR MINDS

(2 Corinthians 10:3-5 KJV) 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;

What is our responsibility in the matter? Paul tells us in verse 5. In one word, we are, by God's power, to take control of our minds, our thought life. As was true of Eve in Genesis 3 so it is true of us. Our mind, which includes our heart, emotions, and will, represents the real battleground between the two kingdoms within our lives as believers. (Dr. Ed Murphy, *THE HANDBOOK FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE*, 1992 Thomas Nelson Publishers, p. 38)

### 4. USE YOUR SWORD

(Ephesians 6:17 KJV) And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

#### > RENOUNCE SATAN'S THOUGHTS AND ANSWER IT WITH THE WORD OF GOD.

(Matthew 4:4 KJV) But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

(Matthew 4:7 KJV) Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

of the Armour of God they have on is the Helmet of Salvation. They know they are saved, otherwise they are spiritually naked as a jaybird.\*

(Hebrews 7:25 KJV) Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

### F. THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

>This is the only offensive weapon that we are equipped with by our commander.\*

(Hebrews 4:12 KJV) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

(Isaiah 55:11 KJV) So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

### G. PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

>Christians need to understand that their prayers, prompted precisely by the Holy Spirit, are like extremely accurate missiles that can fly right down hell's smokestacks and demolish enemy strongholds.\*

(1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV) Pray without ceasing.

>Get your marching orders for the day.\*

## **SPIRITUAL WARFARE SERIES**

### **LESSON 2**

#### **THE WARFARE IN THE GARDEN HOW TO DEAL WITH TEMPTATION**

(Genesis 3:1-7 KJV) Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? {2} And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: {3} But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. {4} And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: {5} For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. {6} And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. {7} And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

#### **1. SATAN USED THE SERPENT TO PLANT A THOUGHT IN EVE'S MIND**

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- 2. Satan's perpetual aim is to infiltrate your thoughts with his thoughts and to promote his lie in the face of God's truth.** He knows that if he can control your thoughts, he can control your behavior.....Scripture clearly teaches that Satan can put thoughts in our minds.....(Neil T. Anderson, *THE BOND-AGE BREAKER*, 1990 Harvest House, p. 53)