

SPIRIT WARS

Fighting the Good Fight

We are in the middle of a battle - a spiritual war

1 Timothy 6:12

12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Ephesians 6:10-12

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

- Our Battle is SPIRITUAL requiring SPIRITUAL WEAPONS and SPIRITUAL STRATEGIES
- Our struggle is NOT against flesh and blood
- Stay between the ditches - keep a balanced perspective

1 Peter 5:8

8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

4 Truths About Spirit Wars

1. Jesus Already Won - so we always win

Luke 4:5-7

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.
6 And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 So if you worship me, it will all be yours."

Matthew 28:18

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Four sources of demonic authority: Unforgiveness, willful sin, generational sin, believed lies (hurts and traumas)

2. Our Strength is Found in Jesus' Might

3. The Enemy Has a Plan

4 Keys to Winning the Battles

1. Recognize the War

2. Get Equipped

Ephesians 6:14-17

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

3. Fight in the Light

James 5:16

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

4. Rest in God