

CALL OF GOD

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Preparing For War! We Must Be Trained And Armed

- Genesis 14:14 “And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen,
- Psalms 144:1-2



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- The Mind set For Battle

- 1 Peter 4:1

- 2 Timothy 1:7

- 2 Thessalonians 2:2



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- **Important Strategy: Give No Place To The Devil - (Ephesians 4:27)**
- Make every effort to become well fortified against invasion of demonic influence into our lives.
- The Bible presents Satan as a minor, yet, noteworthy character. He is identified numerous times in the Old Testament. Every author In the New Testament mentions him: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, James, Jude, Peter and Paul, the author of Hebrews.
- **TAKE NOTE – BEWARE**

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- **Scriptures referring to our adversary the devil:**
 - (1 Peter 5:8)
 - (John 10:10)
 - 2 Corinthians 2:11 “Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”
 - Satan strategizes and wars against God’s plans, His people, His Nation, and the advancement of His kingdom. Although, Satan’s tactics are ultimately futile, they are very dangerous to those who are ignorant to his cunning devices.

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- Four areas of life in which one can be prone to the attacks of the devil.
- Spiritual • negativity, tormenting thoughts, strongholds of the mind, false doctrine
- Mental • sin, rebellion, unfaithfulness, worldliness
- Physical • sickness, disease, fatigue, pain, violence, injury, disabled
- Emotional • anxiety, fear, anger, depression, jealousy, obsession, guilt, bitterness

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- **Possible “Open Doors” of Opportunity for Satanic Invasion**
- John 14:30 ...“for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.”
- Lineage • Iniquities/habits passed down through generations
- Crisis • During difficulties times emotions are unstable
- Ignorance • Leaves you exposed through bad and embarrassing circumstances
- Disobedience • Negative setup through wilful disregard for God’s Laws
- Anger • A most effective open door because you lose control

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- Drugs and Alcohol • Vices that weaken your human will
- Sickness • Leaves you vulnerable to frustration and weariness
- Failure • Creates a feeling of hopelessness and “who cares”
- Music\Internet • This is a great medium for demonic spiritual activity
- Abuse\Hurt • Physical, mental, emotional, sexual or verbal abuse
- Associations • Interaction with people who are demonically influenced - who dabble with the occult etc.

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■ The Fortified Life

- Job lived a fortified life against evil. Every morning he arose with a repentant heart offering daily sacrifices on behalf of his self and his entire family. His righteousness was exemplary concerning the commandments of God. This gave him favour with both God and man.
- Because of this he caught Satan's attention and God's confidence for a spiritual test.
- Job's integrity drove him deeper into the heart of God's favour and justice.
- Job 1:9-10 reads, "then Satan answered....."

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■ Build a hedge

- A hedge is a visible or invisible fence of protection. It is used to shut in, create restraint and/or set a barrier around someone or something.
- The scripture teaches us that God puts up hedges around those who fear him, for it is written, “the angel of the LORD encamps around about those that fear God, and delivers them.” (Psalm 34:7)
- Job was one whose lifestyle revealed his fear of God. We need only to look at the first verse of the Book of Job to see why he lived inside the hedge of God’s Kingdom.

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- Job 1:1, “There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.”
- Job-a righteous man, feared God and shunned evil. Truly a good person, Respected God and refused to do wrong. Faithful, honest, respectful, and sincere.
- Daily he lived a reverent life unto the LORD His God. These strong qualities became a form of protection.

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- Building Up A Spiritual Hedge
- Proverbs 18:10 “The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous run into it, and is safe.”
- The Hedge is Righteousness! - Godly Living.
- Prayer - most direct and powerful force, both defensively and offensively.
- Praying specifically and being focused in certain areas, amplifies the impact of prayer.

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- Key areas of prayer for hedge builders:

- The Word of the Lord.

- Psalms 119:11,
John 15:7, Mathew 7:21-29

- The Presence of the Lord

- Genesis 3:8,
Palms 97:5, Psalms 16:11

- Atmosphere Of Praise And Worship

- Psalm 22:3, Psalms 59:16

- The Blood Of Jesus

- Exodus 12:13; 21-23

- The Name Of Jesus

- Proverbs 18:10

- The Armour Of God

- Ephesians 6:11-18

- Intercessory Prayer

- Ezekiel 22:30

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- **Holy Expectations**
- A Call to Holy Living Conditions of the New Covenant - Romans 6:1-7
- We enter the New Covenant by receiving God's grace in faith . We are changed into the likeness of Christ
- Renewal, We leave the life of sin behind us - deny self
- We rely upon the power of the Holy Spirit - presence of God

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- **Holy Living - Romans 6:8-18**
- We live everyday to the honour of God thru Christ ,We count ourselves dead to sin but alive to Christ We offer our lives to God as instruments of righteousness.
- We have been set free from sin and are servants of God
- Eternal Life - Romans 6:19-23 , We offer ourselves to God in righteous - holiness.
- We live holy lives and reap eternal life - heaven

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- The Glorious Transformation
- Leaving the Life of Sin Behind - I Corinthians 6:8-10
- Only the righteous will inherit the Kingdom of God
- Unrighteous include: fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, sensualists, homosexuals, thieves, greedy people, drunkards, slanderers or swindlers

How to Know that You Are Dying Spiritually

➡ THE STORY OF THE CROSS
NO LONGER MOVES YOU

➡ YOU HAVE LEFT YOUR
FIRST LOVE
Revelation 2:4

➡ THE CHURCH
SERVICES BORE YOU
Romans 10:17

➡ YOU HAVE NO INTEREST
IN SAVING SOULS
Proverbs 11:30

➡ WORLDLY THINGS
ATTRACT YOU MORE THAN
SPIRITUAL THINGS
Romans 8:5-7



➡ YOU ARE FOOLING
YOURSELF
1 Corinthians 3:18

➡ BY FAILING TO DO
WHAT YOU KNOW YOU
SHOULD DO
James 1:22

➡ FREQUENT ABSENCES AT
THE WORSHIP SERVICES
Hebrews 10:25

➡ NO PARTICIPATION IN THE
WORK OF THE CHURCH
Romans 10:1-3

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- **Connecting to the Spirit of God - I Corinthians 6:11-17**
- Battle for souls starts with the connection to God and others Grace empowers the connection to God and others
- Holiness guards the connection to God and others
- God brings together Spirit and body - A New Temple

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- **Living in Grace and Truth - John 1:14**
- Remember you have an enemy
- Remember he is trying to steal your freedom, kill your heart, destroy your life
- Remember you are made in the image of God

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- Remember you are on a journey of faith
- Remember you are setting captives free with the grace of God
- Remember God has chosen you
- Remember God's love will protect you and bring you to eternal life
- "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." 1 John 4:4

Be strong in the Lord!

