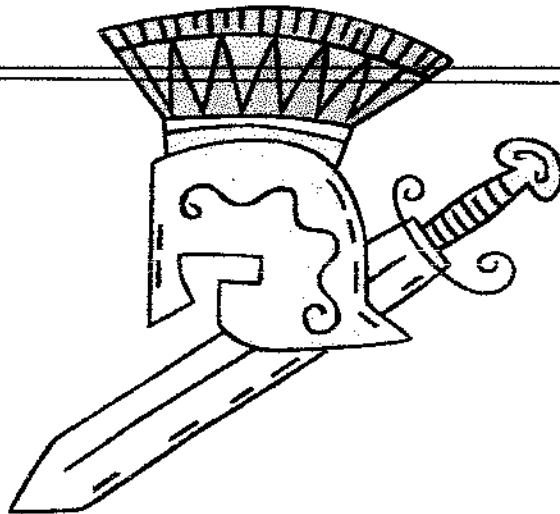


Spiritual Warrior's Boot Camp



- Strengthen Your Marriage
- Defend Your Children
- Protect Family Finances
- Safeguard Your Neighborhood
- Overcome Depression
- Overcome Discouragement
- Overcome Lies of the enemy



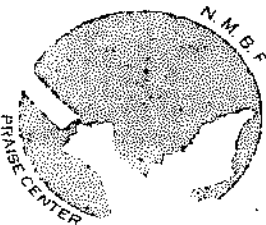
Take upon you the whole Armor of God...

Ephesians 6:13

Our Weapons of warfare are not carnal...

Hebrew 9:10

II Corinthians 10:4



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The Devil has demons assigned to everything about you.

Putting On The Armor

1. Armor is Crucial

- Provide Protection against Evil Eph. 6:13, Matt. 6:13, John 17:15

3. How Does The Armor Work

- Soldiers must complete a period of training before being issued gear and sent to the front.

- Six pieces of armor presented by Paul in Ephesians 6:10-18
 - Belt of Truth – Keep armor in place. Satan Desires to deceive us to make us doubt God. Jesus warns against deception...Matt. 24
 - Breastplate of Righteousness – Protect the soldier against a divided heart. Prov.4:23. a divided heart by footholds like greed, selfishness, and idolatry.
 - Shoes of Peace – Readiness. Soldiers putting on his shoes meant he was reporting to duty to invade the enemies territory bearing the Good News and reconciling humankind to God...II Cor. 5:19
 - Shield of Faith – Faith in God will strengthen us in battle and enable us to resist the enemy I Peter 5:8-9; James 4:7
 - Helmet of Salvation – Guard our Mind against Satan's flaming arrows I Thess. 5:8 Our renewed mind should profoundly influence our behavior.
 - Sword of The Spirit – Offensive & Defensive. The better we know the Word of God, the more adept we will be at wielding this weapon to oppose the power of evil.

Putting On The Armor

3. Victory Assured

- Everything to defeat the enemy provided through Christ.
- It Remains up to use to discipline ourselves, appropriate God's provision and march into battle.
- A Changed Heart
- Do not Doubt Satan
- Praying the Word of God
- Praying and Warfare must be solidly based upon faith in God whose Word we declare.
John 3:21-22

4. Scripture Based...Helps spiritual warriors come to a place of faith and readiness. Rom. 13:11-14; II Cor. 10:3-4

Taking Authority in The Name of Jesus

Luke 10:19

Authority means “The power to rule”

God gave Adam authority to rule. Gen. 2:15-20. Satan wanted the authority God gave to man. Yet Satan can only influence the children of God to the degree that man chooses to sin live in disobedience to God.

1. Relationship With Jesus – Give us authority because Jesus has authority. I Peter 3:18-22
 - The balance of power on earth rests with man in the name of Jesus Christ.
 - Relationship is the key
 - Jesus has all authority. Acts 19:13, 15-16

3. Jesus Spoke with Authority – Matt 7:28-29
4. God Gave Authority to Christ –
 - Christ Exalted Phil 2:9-11
 - Christ In God’s Image Col 1:15-20
 - Everlasting Authority Daniel 7:13-14

4. Praying For the Unprecedented
 - Praying above nature thought
 - Exercising the faith of Christ

5. Christ Authority Given to Believers. Luke 9:1-2; 10:19; Deut. 28:13; Matt 16:19

The Power of The Blood of Jesus

- The blood of Jesus means our Redemption...He fulfilled the law, the Jewish people had for generations offered animals sacrifices to atone for their sins and to satisfy the justice of God.
 - Jesus was not just the sin-bearer, he was the sin-destroyer.
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- In order to establish the Kingdom He must himself gather the sin to himself.
 - Being under the blood of Jesus does mean that any attempt of the enemy to destroy us will ultimately end in his own defeat. I Cor 2:8
 - The practice of applying the Blood. Exodus 12
 - Knowing how to use the power of the blood in spiritual warfare. Ex 12:13, 23
 - Atonement for life. Lev 17:11
 - What The Blood of Christ did for use. Heb. 9:7, 12, 14
 - Remembering His Blood. Mat 26:27-28; I Cor 11:27-28

The Power of the Word of God

The term “word” here [in Hebrew 4:12] is the Greek word *Logos* which commonly indicates the expression of a complete idea and is used in referring to the Holy Scriptures. It contrast with *Rhema* , which generally refers too a word spoken or given

The only piece of the spiritual warrior’s armor which is both offensive and defensive is named last on Paul’s list “the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God” (Eph. 6:17)

The sword is the weapon continually used by soldiers to defend themselves and to rout their enemies.

Scripture Reference:

OT: Isaiah 46:10-11; 55:11; 59:21, Deut 18:19;32:46-47, II Kings 22:11, 13, II Chron. 36:16, Ps. 119:18, 105, 111-112,

NT: Matt. 24:35, Luke 1:37, John 1:1, 4; 3:34; 4:41;15:7, Rom10:17, I Thess1:5, II Tim 2:9,

I Pet 1:23-25, I John 2:14, Rev. 1:13-14, 16; 2:12,16;21:5

Weapon of Praise

PRAISE, ADULATION, COMMENDATION. We heap such sentiments on people after achieving a goal or performing in some way. But keen spiritual warriors learn the power of praising God before seeing evidence of his intervention in the prayer concern. ~~We can offer thanksgiving with such~~ confidence because of who he is—a God of love, faithfulness, holiness, and justice.

Scripture declares, “He is the Rock” His work are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He” (Deuteronomy 32:4) When we praise God despite negative circumstances, we affirm His power and victory over those circumstances.

A.W. Tozer wrote, “True Christian joy is the heart’s harmonious response bursts forth in praise. Three important results flow from our praise:

1. God receives Glory
2. Our faith is increased and we are energized by the joy of our Lord that accompanies praise.
3. The enemy is terrified and his plans confounded.

Since the devil knows the power of praise, he works diligently to discourage Christians from using this potent weapon against his dark kingdom.

Weapon for Praise

Continue

Scripture Marathon:

- Phil 4:4
- Heb. 13:15
- Exod. 15:1-2

- ~~Deut. 10:21; 32:3-4, 43~~
- I Sam. 2:1-2
- II Sam. 22:4, 50
- I Chron. 16:9, 25, 31; 23:4-5, 30-31; 29:10-12;
- II Chron. 5:12-14; 20:21-22, 27
- Psalms 8:1-2; 9:1-3; 31:21; 44:8; 40:16; 47:1-3;
68:3-4; 72:18-19; 86:12-13; 96:1-4; 104:33; 108:3;
117:1-2; 138:1-4
- Habakkuk 3:17-19
- Zechariah 9:9
- Luke 1:46-47
- Luke 10:21
- John 4:23-24
- Ephesians 1:3
- Jude 1:25
- Revelation 4:10-11; 5:5, 12-13; 15:3-4; 19:7

Notes

1. Influenced
 2. Friends
 3. Mind Set
 4. Spirits
 5. Habit / Behavior
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How do you know you are an influencer?

1. The way people act (around you)

How do you know you are influenced?

1. When you find yourself doing thing you don't normally do
2. It becomes a habit : mindset : you can not control yourself

READ MATT 24

Agreement Bring Boldness

The wicked Man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as the Lion (Proverbs 28:1

That's what Spiritual Warriors are to be, especially when calling upon the Lord for help.

Parable of the Persistent man: Luk2 11:5-13

God Desires for us to cry out to Him Jeremiah 33:3

THE POWER OF AGREEMENT

Your private prayer is important and potent, but praying with a prayer partner strengthens your effectiveness your effectiveness.

Jesus encourages partnership prayer: Matthew 18:19-20

The word "agree" in the scripture derives from the Greek word from which we get our English word "symphony" It means "to be on one accord or in harmony" or "to make one mind"

Jesus was always in agreement with his heavenly father, never doing or saying anything except what the Father instructed.

Agreement Bring Boldness- Continue

THE POWER OF AGREEMENT-Continue

Ask the Lord for the Right prayer support-be it one person or a team-who will agree in prayer with the way God has shown you to pray. Find partners who will remain steadfast and pray with you until victory is accomplished.

Here are two sample prayers of agreement from Scripture:

- II Corinthians 1:10-11a
- Acts 16:25-26

ANGELIC INTERVENTION

Not only are we to pray boldly and in agreement, we can count on God to send heavenly reinforcements: angels: We see several accounts in scripture:

- 2 Kings 6:17 Elisha's servants see invisible chariots protecting them.
- Psalm 34:6-7 An angel comes to aid David.
- Psalm 91:11 God promises to "command His angels" to protect His child.
- Daniel 6:22 An angel shuts the mouths of the lions and deliver Daniel. ¹³

Agreement Bring Boldness- Continue

ANGELIC INTERVENTION-continues

Daniel 10:5-11 Angel brings the answer to Daniel's prayer, after encountering opposition with satanic "princes."

~~Prayer in the early church... Peter freed: Acts 12~~

Guardian Angel Acts 12:15

Our proper responsibilities are:

1. Earnestly Pray
2. Trust God's work

SCRIPTURES

- Be controlled and alert, I Peter 5:8-9
- The more faithful prayer warriors the merrier. Leviticus 26:8
- **Stand Firm**, Exodus 14:13
- Be **strong** and **courageous**, Joshua 1:9
- **Don't fear**, Joshua 10:8
- **Love the Lord**, Joshua 23:9-11
- **Let God do the fighting**, I Samuel 17:45-47
- **God equips us**, II Samuel 22:33-35, 40-41

Agreement Bring Boldness- Continue

SCRIPTURES-continues

- II Kings 6:16-17, II Chronicles 20:17, Nehemiah 8:10
- Psalm 18:28-29, Psalm 20:6-8, Proverbs 10:25
- Isaiah 35:3-4, Jeremiah 32:27, Daniel 11:32,
- Luke 10:1-3, Acts 1:8, I Corinthians 1:10
- I Corinthian 15:58; 16:13, Galatians 6:9,
- Philippians 1:14, James 4:7; 5:8, II Timothy 4:17-18
- II Corinthians 3:5; 12,18; 4:1

PRAYER OF AGREEMENT

Lord, thank you that I can come fearlessly, boldly, confidently to you in prayer. Reveal to me things which I need to know and understand that I might pray what is on your heart. Purify my heart so I will ask with the right motive, confident that you want to answer.

Lord, help me always to pray in harmony with your will. Link me up with the right prayer partner (s) who will stand in agreement, calling forth your plans and purposes. Thank you for the privilege of prayer! I give you praise in Jesus' name

Other Strategies For Battle

We now turn our attention to four other effective strategies in spiritual warfare: Fasting, Weeping, laughter and shouts of joy. Experienced intercessors readily attest to the value of all four. Depending on what God wants to accomplish through us during that particular time of intercession, the Holy Spirit can guide us to when to use each specific tool.

- Fasting – Abstaining from food is a physical act, but one which has spiritual significance as well. Couple with prayer, it can be a powerful spiritual warfare. Read Matthew 17:21 (See Handout)

Fasting

- 1. Spirit of, explained. Isa 58:6,7.
- 2. Not to be made a subject of display. Mt 6:16-18.
- 3. Should be to God. Zec 7:5; Mt 6:18.
- 4. For the chastening of the soul. Ps 69:10.
- 5. For the humbling of the soul. Ps 35:13.
- 6. Observed on occasions of
 - a. ~~Judgments of God. Joe 1:14; 2:12.~~
 - b. Public calamities. 2Sa 1:12.
 - c. Afflictions of the Church. Lu 5:33-35.
 - d. Afflictions of others. Ps 35:13; Da 6:18.
 - e. Private afflictions. 2Sa 12:16.
 - f. Approaching danger. Es 4:16.
 - g. Ordination of ministers. Ac 13:3; 14:23.
- 7. Accompanied by
 - a. Prayer. Ezr 8:23; Da 9:3.
 - b. Confession of sin. 1Sa 7:6; Ne 9:1,2.
 - c. Mourning. Joe 2:12.
 - d. Humiliation. De 9:18; Ne 9:1.
- 8. Promises connected with. Isa 58:8-12; Mt 6:18.
- 9. Of hypocrites
 - a. Described. Isa 58:4,5.
 - b. Ostentatious. Mt 6:16.
 - c. Boasted of, before God. Lu 18:12.
 - d. Rejected. Isa 58:3; Jer 14:12.

Fasting-Continue

- 10. Extraordinary Exemplified
 - a. Our Lord. Mt 4:2.
 - b. Moses. Ex 34:28; De 9:9,18.
 - c. Elijah. 1Ki 19:8.
- 11. National Exemplified
 - ~~a. Israel. Jdj 20:26; Ezr 8:21; Es 4:3,16; Jer 36:9.~~
 - b. Men of Jabesh-gilead. 1Sa 31:13.
 - c. Ninevites. Jon 3:5-8.
- 12. Of Saints Exemplified
 - a. David. 2Sa 12:16; Ps 109:24.
 - b. Nehemiah. Ne 1:4.
 - c. Esther. Es 4:16.
 - d. Daniel. Da 9:3.
 - e. Disciples of John. Mt 9:14.
 - f. Anna. Lu 2:37.
 - g. Cornelius. Ac 10:30.
 - h. Christians. Ac 13:2.
 - i. Apostles. 2Co 6:5.
 - j. Paul. 2Co 11:27.
- 13. Of the wicked-Exemplified
 - a. Elders of Jezreel. 1Ki 21:12.
 - b. Ahab. 1Ki 21:27.
 - c. Pharisees. Mr 2:18; Lu 18:12.
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Weeping

God promises:

- 5 Those who sow in tears
- Shall reap in joy.
- 6 He who continually goes forth weeping,
- Bearing seed for sowing,
- ~~Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,~~
- Bringing his sheaves *with him*. Psalm 126:5-6

Tears in scripture play a unique role in spiritual breakthrough. Here we discover that the plating of seeds accompanied by a spirit of brokenness will not only bring a spirit of rejoicing in the process. The passage, along with numerous others in scripture regarding a spirit of brokenness, pictures a variety of purpose and functions related to what might be termed “the ministry of tears” a ministry Charles H. Spurgeon defined as “liquid prayer”

Six deferent types of tears:

1. Tears of sorrow or suffering (2 Kings 20:5)
2. Tears of joy (Genesis 33:4)
3. Tears of compassion (John 11:35)
4. Tears of desperation (Esther 4:1,3)
5. Tears of travail (Isaiah 42:12, 13)
6. Tears of repentance (Joel 2:12, 13)

Weeping-Continue

Scriptures on weeping:

1. Hagar wept for Ishmael in the desert.	Gen. 21:16
2. Abraham wept at the funeral of Sarah.	Gen. 23:2
3. Esau wept upon hearing of Jacob's treachery	Gen. 27:34; Heb. 12:17
4. Jacob wept for joy upon finding Rachel.	Gen. 29:11
5. Esau and Jacob both wept at their reunion.	Gen. 33:4
6. Jacob wept over the apparent death of Joseph.	Gen. 37:35
7. Joseph wept at the reunion of his brothers.	Gen. 45:14
8. Joseph wept at the funeral of his father Jacob.	Gen. 50:1
9. Israel wept for freedom in Egypt.	Exod. 2:23; 3:7
10. The Egyptians wept over the death of their firstborn.	Exod. 12:30

Laughter

Laughter may seem a strange warfare strategy: When we can laugh in spite of the what the enemy is trying to put upon us, we quickly put him into flight. Most of the biblical references to laughter mean “to mock, to ~~make sport, to deride, to laugh, to scorn~~” a very appropriate stance toward Satan.

When a powerful king of Assyria threatened to conquer all the land of Judah, King Hezekiah prayed for deliverance and asked God to vindicate his name. The Lord responded through the prophet Isaiah with this word: “This is the word that the Lord has spoken against him [the king of Assyria]:

“The Virgin Daughter of Zion despises you and mocks you
The Daughter of Jerusalem tosses her head as you flee. Who is it you have insulted and blasphemed? Against whom have you raised your voice and lifted your eyes in pride? Against the holy One of Israel!” **2 Kings 19:21-22**

The Holy Spirit may direct spiritual warriors to laugh in scorn at the devil’s plan.

God named Abraham’s son Isaac, means “laughter” Genesis 17:17
Sarah laughed Genesis 18:12, Genesis 21:6

Laughter-Continues

Scriptures on Scornful laughter

- Psalm 2:4, 37:12-13; 52:6-7; 59:7-8
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Scriptures on Joyful laughter

- Philippians 4:4; Exodus 15:20-21; I Samuel 2:1-10, Luke 1:46-55

Shouts of Joy

A shout can be anything from an acclamation of joy to a battle cry. It can be a crying noise, a crashing sound, loud clamor or cry of excitement. Jesus himself will return with a shout or a word of command (Thessalonians 4:16)

Scriptures on Shouting

- Joshua 6:16; Nehemiah 12:43; Psalm 20:5; 27:6; 30:11; 33:3
Psalm 95:1; 98:6; 105:43; 118:15; 126:2; Isaiah 24:14