

One reason we need to be firmly grounded in the Lord before we attempt spiritual warfare is that we will be greatly hindered or even unable to achieve an external victory against our adversary. For God has created a system that cannot be cheated, ie., If we do not possess that godly quality (if it's not apparent in our lifestyle), then we cannot give or minister to others concerning that virtue.

It also may be detrimental to us to claim a quality that we do not possess while in conflict with the enemy. For the enemy may turn on us, and we will be defenseless at that point.

Therefore, we must first overcome the enemy within ourselves before attempting spiritual warfare against an external foe.

Submit to God, resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7 is a spiritual law; it's not a suggestion!

This scripture says it all! We first must submit to God; He is not only our Lord and Savior, He is also our power source. Without being plugged in to Him, we will not be able to resist our spiritual enemy.

Around us is a spiritual battle not just a physical battle.

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices, **2nd Corinthians 2:11**.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour: **1st Peter 5:8**.

The devil wants to keep us distracted any way he can; if he cannot tempt us with the overt darkness and evil things of this world, he will distract us with the pleasant things of the world to keep us off-focus and immersed in the world.

He will try to keep us in fear, planting doubts and questions in our minds so we lose our peace and joy of the Lord. As good soldiers we need to stay focused on our mission for Christ, not allowing distractions to take us off of our course.

For every soldier called to active duty must divorce himself from the distractions of this world so that he may fully satisfy the one who chose him, **2nd Timothy 2:4**.

Put on, and be dressed in the full [armor of God](#).

Of the six pieces of the armor, the first five pieces are defensive only; the sword of the spirit (*the Word of God*) is the only offensive piece.

We must first prepare our heart, mind, and understanding for the battle; God's spoken Word will then easily defeat our enemies.

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*.

Ephesians 6:12,

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts, **Galatians 5:24**

The mind is the primary battleground; it can cultivate either good, righteous, and peaceful thoughts or evil, unrighteous, and fearful thoughts. Every believer has the ability to control their mind by taking every thought captive and casting every thought down that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.

As we become further prepared for this battle, we focus on our prayer life, speaking and declaring the Word of God. Here are five words that, when spoken from the heart carries much power and authority that the devil and his demons have no defense for; include them in your prayers and speak the principles boldly.

1. "Blood" of Christ – plead the blood, set up [a blood covering](#) This is present evidence of your blood covenant that sanctifies, protects & justifies us from wrath. **Romans 5:9, Hebrews 13:12**.
2. "Fire" of the Holy Spirit – on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon them, **Acts 2:3** fire destroys & purifies, and the enemy cannot pass through the line of fire.
3. "Name" – speak the name of Jesus; it is all about Jesus and what He has done, not about us, and when we do, we render the devil defenseless, **Philippians 2:10-11**.
4. "Command" – use your authority, speak to the mountain, **Mark 11:23-24, Luke 10:19**. Decree and declare righteousness, for a silent believer is a powerless believer.
5. "Amen" – means: so be it, let it be established, thus it is sealed. Amen, is more than just a prayer closing; it is an agreement that all will be accomplished.

Retaining your peace as you resist the enemy and fight back:

- Protect your energy; cut off toxic situations.
- Trust your intuition.
- Pray and meditate daily.
- Keep your circle small.
- Stay disciplined; distractions will weaken you.
- Speak life over yourself.
- Stay focused on your righteous mission.

A victorious prayer and decree:

Father, I give You praise, glory, and honor. I thank You that because of the finished work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we have been brought back into right relationship with the Father.

I thank you that mankind is made in Your image and likeness; therefore, we have the same spiritual authority over the enemy and unclean spirits that Jesus had while He was here on the earth. For He has equipped us with the necessary tools of warfare; thus, I put on the full armor of God to be prepared for the battle.

Therefore, I plead the blood of Christ over myself, a bloodline that the devil cannot cross. That as an ambassador for the Gospel's sake, that the fire of the Holy Spirit would come upon me and that I would boldly speak the truth of the Gospel, **Ephesians 6:20**, having both wisdom and discernment. Speaking forth the powerful name of Jesus, the name that is above every name. Commanding what the scriptures say, and that they will be fulfilled in my life. And lastly, sealing it with an Amen. Which is an agreement that all will be accomplished in the name and by the authority of Christ Jesus.

Father, I thank you that you have entrusted us to speak and enforce your Gospel. Blessed be Your name forevermore.

Amen.



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

THE BATTLE IS PRIMARILY IN OUR MINDS

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 exalt itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
2nd Corinthians 10:4-5.

We have been made in God's own image and likeness, **Genesis 1:28**. Thus, it should come naturally to us to also have the same thoughts, concerns, likes, and dislikes and to love righteousness and justice as our Father in heaven.

Jesus has won the victory for us; therefore, we are standing in a place of victory, rather than trying to win our victory.

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it,
Colossians 2:15.

Before we attempt spiritual warfare against an external enemy or casting out an unclean spirits in another, we first must be trained and fit for battle, for the primary battle is in our mind; I refer to this as going through “spiritual boot camp.” Because to successfully overcome a spiritual enemy, we must be firmly grounded in Christ Jesus and have nothing in common with the enemy in that certain area of our lives.

Lest the experience of the sons of Sceva in **Acts 19:13-16**, come upon us. In this account, seven sons of a Jewish priest were performing an exorcism in the name of Yeshua that the Apostle Paul preaches. And the evil spirit answered, saying, “Yeshua, I know, and Paul, I know, but who are you?” And the evil spirit overtook them, and they fled from that house wounded and naked.