

The Weapons of Our Warfare Are Not Carnal!

II Corinthians 10:3-4 “For though we walk after the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;)”

God has given us three primary weapons for our spiritual warfare. They are the Word of God, the name of Jesus and the Blood of Jesus. These are very powerful weapons, when they are used by a “believer”; that is one who is walking after The Holy Spirit.

How is the “Word” a weapon? There is power in the Word of God. The Bible says it is the Word of God, and many scriptures call Jesus the Word of God. **John 1:1** says: “In the beginning was the Word (Logos), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God”. Jesus is the living Word of God (**Jn. 1:14** -the Word(Logos) was made flesh....”); The Bible is the written Word of God (**II Tim.3:16**). Here we are speaking of the written Word of God.

Heb. 4:12 -“For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged 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.”

In **Jn.14:23**, Jesus says that if we love Him, we’ll keep His words: the Father will love us and they will come in and live in us!

Have we really given God’s Word the place of prominence in our lives that it requires and deserves? God means only as much to you as His Word does! We may need to make some adjustments in our priorities. Jesus tells us His Words are spirit and life. (**Jn. 6:63**)

In **I Thess. 2:13**, Paul writes that God’s Word works effectually in us who believe. His Word will not return void. (**Isa. 55:11**)

There are many benefits we receive through the power of God’s Word. Understanding “The Word” will lead us to:

Faith: **Rom. 10:17** tells us that Faith comes by hearing God’s Word. Hearing is an attitude of aroused interest and attention. You must be hungry for God to receive the message of the Word, and “study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”. **II Tim. 2:15**

Healing: **Psa. 107:20** says: God sent His Word and healed them and delivered them.

Prov. 4:22 says: God’s Words are life to those that find them and health to all their flesh.

New Birth: **I Pet. 1:23** - Born again of incorruptible seed, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

Light: **Psa. 119:130** - “The entrance of Thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple”. Hallelujah!

Psa. 119:105 “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”

Nourishment: **I Pet. 2:1-2** speaks of new-born babes desiring the sincere “milk” of the Word. Nourishment for the young in Christ. In **Heb. 5:12-14**, we see the Word as “strong meat” for those who are more mature in the Lord. The Word is the foundation in the Christians’ life. We cannot live without it.

Cleansing: In **Jn. 15:3** we see we are clean through the Word. Also see **Eph. 5:25-27**.

Victory: The Word of God is our sword; our offensive weapon. - **Eph. 6:17**. **Psa. 119:11** says to hide God’s Word in our heart so we won’t sin against Him. What’s in your heart will come out your mouth. - **Matt. 12:34-37**. **Lk. 6:45b**- “.....for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh”.

Let's make sure our hearts are abundantly filled with the Word of God. The Word of God, spoken in the power of The Holy Spirit, will bring victory over satan to the believer who is following after God.

When Jesus was tempted by satan in the wilderness, after His baptism He used the Word to defeat him. Satan told Jesus to turn the stone to bread to prove He was the Son of God. **Luke 4:3-4**. And Jesus said: "It is written, that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God". Then satan promised Jesus all the kingdoms of the world to rule and all power and glory if He would bow down and worship him. **Luke 4:5-8**. And Jesus said to him: ".Get thee behind me, satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Then satan tried to get Jesus to throw himself down from the pinnacle of the temple, saying the angels would protect Him, (quoting from Psa. 91). **Luke 4:9-12** - And Jesus answered him: ".It is said, thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." So we see Jesus, Himself, used the Word to defeat satan. And God gave us the authority to use His Word, but as He said in **Psa. 119:11**, we must hide His Word in our hearts that we won't sin against Him.

Please read: **Lk. 4:1-15; Prov.4:20-22; Isa. 55:11**.

Joshua 1:8 - "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

God Bless You!
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