

LESSON 9

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Memorize:

“For through we walk in 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 strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ...”
(2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

INTRODUCTION

When we became a Christian, we enlisted in the “*Army of the Lord.*” There is no neutral ground. All Christians will enter into this spiritual battle. When we were “born again,” Jesus did not take us to heaven, but left us here to wage war on the kingdom of darkness, and equipped us with the “armor” we need to fight this battle. “*And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.*” (**Matthew 11:12**)

I have good news for you! I have read the outcome of this war and WE WIN. So take heart and don't give up! Jesus, the “Captain” of our salvation (**Hebrews 2:10**) has never lost a battle, and He never will.

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

1. Read **2 Timothy 2:3-4** and complete the verse.

“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good _____ of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him who hath chosen him to be a _____.”

2. The Christian has three enemies.

What Are They?

How Can They Be Overcome?

1) _____ (**1 Peter 5:8**) _____ (**James 4:6-7; Eph. 4:27**)

After reading **Ephesians 6:10-18**, fill in the blanks:

1. Helmet of _____
2. Breastplate of _____
3. Loins girded with _____
4. Sword of the _____
5. Shield of _____
6. Feet shod with the _____

In order for the armor to do you any good, what must you do with it on a daily basis?
(vs. 11) _____

7. What will happen to the enemies' attacks on our lives if we remain faithful to God? **(Isaiah 54:17)**

HOW TO OVERCOME OUR FLESH

1. Knowing that our own flesh is probably our greatest enemy, it is important to understand how it wars against us. If we do not control it (flesh), it (flesh) will control us!

Carefully read **James 1:13-15** and answer the following questions:

Are we tempted by God? _____ (verse 13)

What causes us to be tempted? _____ (verse 14)

What does sin bring? _____ (verse 15)

2. In **1 Corinthians 10:13**, we find that with every temptation we face, the Lord has made a way of _____.
3. According to the corresponding scriptures, list five ways we can keep our spiritual man strong:
 - 1) _____ **(Jude 20)**
 - 2) _____ **(Psalm 119:11)**
 - 3) _____ **(Gal. 5:16)**

4) _____ (*Hebrews*
10:25)

5) _____ (*Isaiah*
58:6-8)

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

We are guaranteed victory if we continue to abide in the Lord. He has given us His word and God cannot lie!

Romans 8:37 “Nay, in all these things we are more than _____
through Him that loved us.”

1 John 4:4 “...greater is He that is in _____, than he that is in the world.”

List 7 forms of adversity from **Romans 8:35** that **cannot** separate you from Jesus Christ:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
6. _____ 7. _____

SUMMARY

As enlisted soldiers in God’s army, let’s “*Fight the good fight of faith...*” (**1 Timothy 6:12**). We must be able to endure hardness as a good soldier and not become entangled with the affairs of this world. Keep your eyes on the prize! Remember, this world will pass away, but that which we cannot see will remain forever. “*While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*” (**2 Corinthians 4:18**)

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QUESTIONS/COMMENTS