



Dynamics of Spiritual Warfare

Spiritual warfare tests us so we see what we're made of. It strengthens us, refines us, and purges our impurities. It strips us and humbles us.

Satans's mission statement is to steal, kill, and destroy

Ephesians 6:10-13 KJV

[10] Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. [11] Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] 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. [13] Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

1. Spiritual warfare is a reality

1 Peter 5:8 KJV

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

John 10:10 KJV

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

2. Tools used by satan against us:

1. DECEPTION:

Twisting scripture around, this is why we should know scripture for ourselves.

Genesis 3:1 KJV

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2. SELF DECEPTION:

Justifying our actions or sins without consequences.

3. DISTRACTIONS:

Sometimes "good" things distract us from Godly things.

4. CONFUSION:

God is clear, he is not the author of confusion.

5. DISCOURAGEMENT:

Despair, Spiritual failure in God's eyes.

6. PHYSICAL FATIGUE:

When we wear ourselves out, we cannot bear up against ungodly ideals.

7. CRITICISM

Am I pleasing God or someone else, only God matters.

8. DIVISION

Pitting believers against one another. Discord. Am I allowing the devil to use me?

3. Spiritual Warfare is predictable:

1. When truth is proclaimed, beware of an assault coming afterwards.
2. When lives are being changed.
3. When Christians grow spiritually
4. Keep families broken, unhealed.
5. Whenever we say yes to God.
6. When potential is great.
7. When God's spirit is moving
8. We have victory in spiritual warfare.