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Scriptures for Spiritual Warriors

“See it is I who fans the coals into flame and forges the weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc; no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from Me,’ declares the Lord.” (Isaiah 54:17)

“In righteousness you will be established; tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear, terror will be far removed; it will not come near you.” (Isaiah 54:14)

“And He said to them, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:18-20)

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:37-39)

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*“...His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand, and there His power was hidden.”
(Habakkuk 3:3-5)*

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Sharing the Light and Love of God to a Dark World

The newsletter this month is going to continue with the theme of spiritual warfare and how to be a spiritual warrior. When I started this writing a few months ago I knew before I started that Satan would attack me. Yes, he has attacked me and at times I have become down and I have debated with God and myself about stopping the writing on this subject, but I am victorious because of the blood of Jesus Christ. I know that I am stronger and more committed to being obedient to God.

“Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, here it is, or there it is, because the kingdom of God is within you.” (Luke 17:20)

We live in such a materialist world that unless we can see something or touch something it is not real. I tell you the Kingdom of God is real. It is more real than the physical world that we live in. Do you believe in the spiritual world? If not, you will never have victory over Satan. He operates in the spiritual realm. This is where the kingdom of God is and it is in your heart.

The essence of evolution is that it absolves man from the responsibilities of a moral nature. Evolution is the belief that man is to be explained solely by his environment, not anything spiritual. He has become what he is through natural selection, attaining an endless succession of forms increasingly adapting to the environment. This being so, it is self-evident that man’s nature must be nothing but the reflection

Temptations

“Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.” (1 John 2:15-18)

A big part of our victory in the Lord is understanding Satan’s schemes and strategies. We need to be aware of how he is tempting us. There are a lot of things that divert us, distract us, and keep us from doing what God would have us to do. There are sins we commit, but there are also sins of omission or failure to do what God would have us to do. Often the things that hinder us seems to be circumstances that are natural, human obstacles. But remember, Satan is god of the world.

Satan temptations are in three categories.

- † Lust of the flesh. If it feels good, it must be all right so we can do anything that we want.
- † Lust of the eyes. Wanting something that we cannot have.
- † Pride of life. This temptation can lead to all the others. It is thinking that we are the center of the world. That we are so powerful that we can do anything and not have to pay the price. This is self-centeredness.

Victory in spiritual warfare is not a simple formula. Victory is the fruit of our relationship with the Lord as we walk with Him and learn to appropriate by faith the victory He has already given us.

Satan wants to undercut our faith.

The way we see things is affected by what we know and believe. Charles Colson says a worldview is “the sum total of our beliefs about the world.” James Sire says it is our “set of presuppositions about the basic makeup of the world.” A worldview is something much deeper than your personality. It defines your beliefs about reality and your outlook on life.

My worldview is not the same as other Christians. Which is not a problem, when it is based on the Bible. Our Christian Worldview must be based on God and His Word. God tells us that everything will pass away, but His Word will never pass away. My worldview changes the closer I walk with God. My prayer is that I can become more and more like Jesus. This should be what we all pray. Let my walk be closer to you, Lord.

When we pray, God sends the angel down to take care of us. When we are praying Satan cannot stop us. He knows this and he will do everything in his power to stop our praying. In Ephesians Paul tells us “praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...” Prayer affects God, prayer affects eternity, prayer affects us.



of his culture. This is the message that our children are being taught in school.

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rules, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (Ephesians 6:12)

Spiritual Warfare is a pro active approach to our faith. We actively resist the devil when his hosts harass us. We actively pursue spiritual disciplines that will make us stronger and better prepared. We actively engage the enemy when people are in bondage.

We use the weapon of prayer to penetrate strongholds that cannot be reached in any other way.



Truth Isn't Enough - You must Weep

Several years ago when we lived in Colorado, I published a newsletter much like I do today. At that time we were in a spiritual battle with Satan head on. I attacked Satan with all I had and wrote about what was going on in the church and in the community, about Satan and the occult. It was war and at times very hard. Yes, we all have to battle with Satan in our walk with God. What I am talking about is front line battle, going where Satan is and praying for the freeing of the captives.

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!” (Matthew 23:37) In this verse, I feel the love of Jesus, but I also feel that He is broken hearted. Jesus is weeping. We cannot fight Satan until our hearts are broken over the lost and dark world. We can give out the truth, but that is not enough, we must weep. Our greatest weapon against Satan is our lives and how we live our lives. I want to live my life so that every morning when I wake up, Satan says, “Oh no, he’s awake.” The following are some weapons that we can use against Satan.

We must keep our promises. This is important in the world we live in. Today it seems that no one keeps their word. We have become a society where everything must be in writing so we can prove that the person does what they say. I know that there are times that we cannot keep our promises, there are things that are out of our control that happen. If I tell someone I am going to be some place, I try to be there and to be on time. Each day of our life should be devoted to fulfilling our responsibilities right down to the most insignificant. Little things do make a difference. When we keep our promises we build trust. Trust is so important. “There is one thing that is common to every individual, relationship, team, family, organization, nation, economy, and civilization throughout the world – one thing which, if removed, will destroy the most powerful government, the most successful business, the most thriving economy, the most influential leadership, the deepest love. On the other hand, if developed and leveraged, that one thing has the potential to create unparalleled success and prosperity in every dimension of life. ►

Yet, it is least understood, most neglected, and most underestimated possibility of our time. That one thing is trust.” (Stephen R. Covey)

Focus on other people, not yourself. Our world today has become all about me. What can you do for me? How will this help me? Zig Ziglar says, “You can have everything in life you want if you will just help enough other people get what they want.” We don’t help people get what we want. We help others not from selfish motive, but we help others from the heart. Everyone wants someone to care about them. Satan wants us out in the world alone. Then he can tell us that nobody cares about us so why try. Caring about people and putting them first is one of the greatest weapons we can use in our fight in this Spiritual Warfare.

People want someone who will just be there for them, take time to care, care enough to listen. We must love others and be completely free of all the reserve and caution, self-protection and fear, questions and complications. Just love others unconditionally.

One of Satan’s most powerful weapons is to send us delusions. He is the master of deception. If he can cause us to live in a fantasy world, he will have the power over us that he wants. We must face reality. Life can only be lived to its fullness and with deep satisfaction if we live our life in the reality that all of life is not a bed of roses. We are going to have problems and roadblocks along life’s highway. Even with Jesus walking with us we are going to go through some dark nights. The great thing is Jesus will be with us during these dark nights.

This next weapon that we have against Satan is connected to living in reality. If we don’t know our Christian worldview, it is hard to live in reality. Knowing our worldview is so important. It is important because without it we don’t know where we are going or how we should act. This worldview cannot be your parent’s, your pastor’s, your friend’s or even your spouse’s, it must be your worldview. ►