



Inner Growth - Spiritual Warfare

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

- Spirits** -----1 John 4:1
- Principalities** -----Colossians 1:16
- Interfere** ----- Hebrews 1:14
- Rulers of Darkness** -Ephesians 5:11
- Iniquity** -----Ex. 20:5, Job 4:8
- Time** -----Ecclesiastes 3:1, 8
- Unpredictable** -----1 Corinthians 14:8
- Activity** -----1 Timothy 6:12
- Life** ----- John 10:10, 11

Spiritual warfare is soul-related to the spiritual things that entangle in invisible armed conflict. The general definition according to the dictionary from a humanistic perspective. Spiritual warfare is a spiritual conflict with Satan and a host of evil spirits. For a believer, on the surface, it may seem as though the fight is against people. However, the battle is against spirit beings that possess the bodies of human beings. These evil spirit beings contain powers of darkness that are spiritual forces of evil that trigger ungodly people to obstruct believers from connecting and following God. The evil spirits represent demons or devils organized into an empire of evil with rank and order.
Spiritual warfare is dealing with spirits. Every human being that is born contains a soul or spirit. Each mature individual develops to

either have a good or evil spirit that will mesh with our inner person to carry out their desire. For a believer, we must pursue to have the Holy Spirit to enable us to discern the spirits during our daily encounters.

Spiritual warfare may involve handling business relations with people in authoritative positions. We deal with all kinds of people on any given day. Believers should always be on spiritual alert. The evil spirits never take a break, always looking for bodies to possess. They will attempt to manifest their presence in family members, employers, people of authority, or anybody that the devil knows we have communicated with or reveal verbally. It does not mean the people are demon-possessed. They have given the enemy access through their vanities that represent darkness without realizing it. *Spiritual warfare is dealing with religious people. There are leaders, members, and church-goers that attend services and conduct themselves in the wrong spirit by influencing others that endeavor to follow God. The evil spirits use these religious people to create confusion to disconnect others from God. Spiritual warfare is battling the powers of darkness. These evil spirits may manifest themselves in conversation via another person. The devil is not everywhere at the same time. When an unusual situation occurs, the believers will be able to sense an unpleasant environment. Believers that have built a strong relationship with God will have the spiritual radar to know that an evil spirit is at work.*

Spiritual warfare is to combat sin. The continuous battle is to overcome the sinful nature and vanities of this world that leads to wrongdoing is an ongoing fight until the end. The enemy will come at any time to a believer to seduce them to break a commandment and sever our commitment to God. There is no room to believe that all is calm and all is bright. The devil is always watching and sets his view upon you. All the enemy wants is for us to make one big mistake to permit themselves to come into our life to devour or destroy completely. Therefore, as believers, we must be careful in everything to please God and not the enemy.