



Inner Growth - Spiritual Warfare 2

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

2 Corinthians 10:4

Watch - Mark 13:33, 37, 14:38

Assignment - Eccl. 12:13, Col. 3:23

Rough - Romans 8:18, 28

Fight - Ex.14:14, Deut. 20:4, Ps. 144:1

Attack - Psalms 18:39, Matthew 18:18

Ruthless - Zechariah 4:6

Enemy - Matthew 12:29, Luke 10:19

Spiritual warfare is soul-related to the spiritual conflict with Satan and a host of evil spirits. The reality for each Christian or believer that endeavors to follow Christ. What can a believer do about this strife? Fight! Even though we are born in the flesh, we are spirit beings. We know our flesh cannot please God, but our spirits can. Here is the life for a true believer. In the middle, we have our spirit that lives inside of our flesh. God encourages us to use His Word daily to destroy the plans of the evil one. On the other hand, the devil attempts to devour our spirit by deceiving us with our flesh.

Spiritual Warfare means for us to guard our souls. Satan and his evil spirits plan their schemes similar to how we plan our day. Therefore, to watch for believers means to pray. To cancel the enemy's plan requires us to get up and pray before the break of day to revoke the potential plot for our day. Remember, the powers of darkness are the devil's territory. That explains why most crime occurs at night. Anything can happen at any

time. We, as believers, are not exempt from trials and tribulations. However, we have the power in the name of Jesus to pull down strongholds of the potential danger unawares. Spiritual warfare requires devotion to God and His word. God knows our hearts and thoughts as we live daily. No human is perfect though we do strive for perfection in Christ. The Word of God is our guide. However, if we know to do right in one situation and wrong in another, our warfare prayer may not be effective. How can a wrongdoer stop the wrongdoing of another? The enemy would have the right to confront God and say, "look, this person is praying to stop me from evil, yet, they committed evil themselves."

Spiritual warfare requires patience. There are times when we encounter a problem that may not be an instant fix. We may undergo periods of hardship, and gradually God works things out. Even though we faithfully pray against these situations does not guarantee a fast escape.

Spiritual warfare is God intervening on our behalf. Every believer should remember that the Lord is in control of our situation. We might know how to pray, and some of us may even boast and admire what we may say to God. In the end, our prayers are nothing to compare to His love for us and fight on our behalf.

Spiritual warfare is a spiritual war. That does not mean that when we pray or say a word that the enemy is just going to throw in the towel. Retaliation may occur. We might have to pray all night, go on a fast only God knows. Each person for each problem is different.

Spiritual warfare is spiritual only. Sometimes warfare prayer may get intense. Sometimes sweat or tend to physically throw our fist or stomp our feet during this kind of prayer. The enemy is not disturbed by the physical, but the words that spiritually connect with God from our mouths. The weapon is the Word of God that does the damage, not our physical demonstrations.

Spiritual warfare is attacking the enemy before he attacks you. We have to serve God and use the Word of God against the enemy that will bind up his plan and relentlessly stop his evil schemes. If we fail to bind the enemy, he will continue to try to bind us up.