

Winning Spiritual Warfare

Ephesians – The Apostle Paul's Spiritual Warfare Manifesto

Weapons of warfare mighty in God, not in flesh: Prayer, Praise, Holy Spirit Empowerment, Knowledge of the Word, Transformed Mind, Intentional Thoughts, Divine Authority

Ephesians: Chapter by Chapter

You need to learn to defeat the personal battles of the enemy before trying to battle the strongholds of your community, city, state or nation. Spiritual warfare starts with personal victory. Once you live in victory you can help others to be free. Jesus didn't send out His followers before they took time to learn from Him and became disciples. This series is designed to teach you how to have personal victory through principles of spiritual warfare. Each chapter has a principle that builds on the previous one. Learn victory through spiritual warfare through these six chapters in the book of Ephesians.

Ch. 1 - Warfare Begins With _____ - Leads to Every Spiritual Blessing

- Every Attack should be immediately met with Praise to God
- The level of your attack should be met with an equal force of praise
- Why? You're made holy, blameless, adopted into sonship, redeemed through Christ's blood, have forgiveness of sins and sealed by the Holy Spirit. (vs 4-5; 7; 13)
- Praise is the weapon of choice - Your choice to praise or not
- Praise must be sincere, not mechanical - God looks at the heart
- Praise brings blessings in the heavenly realms where the warfare is (vs 3; 10)
- Be Thankful for all God has given us in Christ (vs 15-23)

Ch. 2 - Warfare Through _____ - Position, Identity, Hope, Formation, Grace, Purpose

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 - Positioned for Victory - Authority in the heavenly realms (v6)
 - Seated With Christ - Raised from mortality to immortality (v4-6)
 - Citizenship in Heaven - Members of God's Household (v19)
 - Saving Grace - Eternal hope, spiritual formation, purpose in service (v8-10)
- All point to our identity**

Ch. 3 - Warfare Through _____ & _____

- Response to the Grace of God through Service (v7)
- Revelation of being grafted in & adopted (v6)
- Revelation of our Authority in the heavenly realms (10-11)
- Confidence in prayer & petition to God because of Christ (v12)
- No one wins a war alone - relationship with Christ, His church & Leadership (v14-21)

Paul's prayer affirms identity both individual & corporate. Moves into supernatural strength for us through the Holy Spirit. Prays then for your faith to grow, your walk to deepen & to increase your revelation to be filled with all the fullness of God. Finishes with encouragement to know just Who it is you belong to and the power He has given us and works through us to accomplish the impossible. Continue in your praise.

Ch. 4 - Warfare Through _____ - Strengthen Your _____, Yield Your _____, Put Off The _____

- Strengthen Your Walk, Yield Your Heart, Put Off The Flesh
- Walk out the life you've been given in Christ - Maintain Integrity (v1-2)
- Walk in Unity with the Spirit - Don't give in to doing things in your flesh though it's tempting (v3)
- Don't isolate, lean on the church - Be reminded of the grace you received, keep connected and keep growing even though you feel like giving up or taking a break.
- Put off and Put on - VERY IMPORTANT! - Don't revert back to the old life! Warfare makes it easy to give in but understand your enemy is trying to destroy you by capitalizing on moments of weakness. This is the battle part of warfare. Vs 22-25
- Control your emotions - All these principles build on each other. You can't skip or shortcut the process to be victorious. It's easy to fly off the handle in a moment of weakness, but if you fail in this stage of warfare, you lose an important battle that's vital to winning the war. (v26-27)
- Continue in repentance - turn away, change your attitude, do something good in place of the bad and give to those who need help. (v28)
- Control your tongue - Avoid a critical spirit, foul language, a murderous tongue and remind yourself of how God was good to you so you can be good to others. (v29-32)

Ch. 5 - Warfare Through _____ - Strengthen Your _____ & _____

- Strengthen Your Walk and Marriage
- Continue to strengthen your personal walk - be a healthy person/Christian to be healthy for others
- Love, Light, Wisdom - (Ch. 5:1-21) - 3 Principle Attributes that are imperative to winning every day battles and long term wars
- Inspect your life, purify your heart, guard yourself against opportunities to sin (v15-16)
- Husbands love your wives as Christ loves the church. Lift up your wife in prayer, in speech & deed. If you upset her or neglect her you open up your entire family to Satan to come in & be Lord of your household. Your wife is the most important relationship you have 2nd only to Christ. You mess that up, you mess up every other relationship in your life. (v25-33)
- Wives respect your husbands & let him rule as the Lord intends. He will answer for how he leads, not you. Respect the authority God gave him. The worst thing you could ever do is disrespect your husband; especially in public. If you criticize your husband, you will guarantee he will never do what you ask of him again. If you praise him, he will work harder to do it even better next time. (v22-24; 33)
- Love each other, be in unity and pray for each other daily

Ch. 6: Pt. 1 - Warfare Through _____ - Strengthen Your _____ & _____

- Strengthen Your Family Relationship - Strong Family = An Impenetrable Fortress - Strengthen your family in every way. - Men be mighty men as husbands and fathers, women be helpful helpmates and nurturing mothers, children be obedient children. Love one another (v1-4)
- Have Strong Relationships with Believers
- Be good workers and bosses - be good bosses without mistreating one another. Let how you work and/or treat workers will show Jesus. Make sure you give an accurate portrayal. (v5-9)
- Represent Jesus Christ well everywhere you go, in word & deed

Ch. 6: Pt. 2 - Warfare Through _____ - Apply All Before This to be Prepared to Use This

- Apply Everything Before the Armor to be Prepared to Use the Armor
- Fight with Spiritual Weapons, Not Carnal Actions
- Stand firm - Not in your own strength but in the might of the Lord. (v10)
- Put on the whole armor - Leave out no parts of the armor (v11)
- Put on the armor only after applying the rest of the principles or you will have cracks in your armor, it won't properly fit & you will not be successful in battle.
- Pray in the Spirit - Key to warfare for the devil doesn't know what you pray when you pray in the Holy Spirit. It builds up your faith, strengthens your spirit, mind & body & destroys the plans of the enemy. (v18)

Keys To Understanding How To Win

- Seated in Position, Standing in Battle, Victorious in Salvation
- Seated as Heirs, Joint Heirs, Sons and Daughters, Royal Priests
- Standing as Warriors, Carrying Full Authority, In Position of Offense, Not Defense