

How to Pray: Spiritual Warfare

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Three Principles Of Spiritual Warfare

“This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the PROPHECIES previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good WARFARE, holding faith and a good CONSCIENCE...” (1 Tim. 1:18-19)

- Prophecies (_____): You must use the gifts of the Spirit as your supernatural weapons to defeat demonic principalities.
- Warfare (_____): This refers to the long-term strategic campaign against the forces of darkness.
- Protection (_____): The last area of spiritual warfare is the entire armor of God: “Holding “faith” and a “good conscience.”

1. WEAPONS

- “For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds” (2 Cor. 10:4)
- OUR WEAPONS ARE NOT OF THIS WORLD: The power of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is the primary weapon against the enemy.
- Weapon #1: The prophetic _____.
Prophets spoke the prophetic Word of God to change impossible circumstances. We must use the Scripture as a mighty sword.
- Weapon #2: Prayer and _____.
Daniel’s prayer and fasting overcame the prince of Persia (Dan. 10). Jesus referred to casting out demons by “prayer and fasting.”
- Weapon #3: Revelation _____.
Satan is already defeated. Christ defeated him between the cross and the resurrection. We are “in Christ.” Therefore, we have defeated Satan “in Him.”

2. WARFARE (strategy)

- Our strategy is _____. “Warfare is the patient, systematic, removal of Satan’s kingdom.”
 - “There was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. And David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul became weaker and weaker” (2 Sam. 3: 1)
 - “The Lord your God will clear away these nations before you little by little (Deut. 7: 22).
- Our strategy is _____. We fight an invisible enemy who uses people. “People are not your enemy.”
 - “We are not ignorant of his devices” (2 Cor. 2: 11). This word is “strategies, plots.” Wars are won by intelligence.

3. PROTECTION (armor)

- OUR PROTECTION IS “FAITH” AND A “GOOD _____.” Your vulnerable areas are fear and guilt. Your defense is confidence and righteousness.
 - “Holding faith”—Faith is the shield against fear.
 - “Who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions...
- “Good conscience”—A good conscience is your protection against guilt, shame, and condemnation.
 - “Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him (1 Jn. 3:21)