



THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

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“...take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

Ephesians 6:17

This world we live in is **dangerous**. More like *the wild west* than a peaceful utopia, a **spiritual war** continues to *rage all around* us. We have seen how God has not left us defenseless, learned how he has offered us a variety of different **protective measures** ranging from *peace* that guards our feet to salvation that covers our head. However, we were **not** meant to play a *merely defensive* role in these battles. We are warriors, equipped by God to fight **the good fight** and *take back ground* from the Enemy. The tool He gives us is His word. The same **weapon** Christ Himself used to combat Satan's temptation in the wilderness is *available to us* today! The word of God is alive and active, and in our **great need** it continues to offer:

1. STABILITY ([Matthew 7:24-25](#))

- a. **NOTE:** God's word keeps us **grounded**. Because *His promises* are always proven true, the word of God offers us **strength, stability, and security** even in the *harshest of storms*. Made of only the strongest and purest material, His blade is able to cut through every attack of the Enemy and **reveal the truth** in place of *every lie* that has been spread. When the forces of darkness come against us, we can **stand firm** and *take ground* as we remember and apply God's word to **whatever situation** we find ourselves in. ([Hebrews 6:18](#); [2 Timothy 2:19](#); [Psalm 33:11](#))
 - i. **For Ex.** “Dear Lord, thank You for **Your word**. Thank You for *equipping us* with the truth necessary to **combat the evil** of this world. Thank You for Your *promises* that will always prove true. Build our lives on this **truth**, Lord, so that when the *lies of the Enemy* attack we can cut through them with ease. You have called us to **stand firm**, to *take ground* for Your kingdom, and You have given us the tools necessary to do so. Teach us **to use them**, Lord, so that we will not *stumble* or be *shaken*, and bring to mind Your word when we **need it the most**.”
 1. **REMEMBER:** The Enemy will *twist God's word* in an attempt to **destabilize** and **destroy** our faith. ([Matthew 4:5-6](#))

2. SUSTENANCE ([Matthew 4:4](#))

- a. **NOTE:** By **God's word** everything in *all of creation* came to be, including us. It is also by His word that we are **sustained**. His word is the *nourishment* that we truly need, the **bread of life** that *keeps us going*. Too many christians have fainted in the midst of battle due to a **lack of energy**, their passion having been *drained* and *exhausted* by their spiritual malnourishment. This is exactly where the Enemy wants us: **weak, vulnerable**, and **cut off** from our *source of power*, for the only thing better than a defenseless victim is a **powerless one**. ([John 1:1-5](#); [Deuteronomy 8:3](#))

- i. **For Ex.** “Father God, thank You for **creating** and **sustaining** everything in this world, *including us*. Thank You for sending Your word to serve as our **holy nourishment**, as our very *source of life* itself. Revive us by Your word, Lord, speaking specifically into our hearts and lives today to **refresh** and **restore** Your *weary children*. Give us a hunger and a thirst to hear from You, to sit under the **sound of Your voice**, and turn every *counterfeit word* into ashes in our mouth. For **You alone** will do, Father, *Your word alone* is what we need.”
 1. **REMEMBER:** Even the most **satisfying meal** is only effective when *consumed*. ([Jeremiah 15:16](#))

3. SURGERY ([Hebrews 4:12](#))

- a. **NOTE:** With all of its **severity** and oftentimes *harsh truths*, it can be easy to forget that the word of God is always spoken with our good in mind. God **loves us** and wants *the best* for us, He longs to make us whole and holy. This process often involves **spiritual surgery**, allowing God’s word to penetrate our *hearts and souls* in order to cut away that which is **poisoning us** from the inside. The *wounds of our past* continue to affect us in the present, but we can choose today to **invite His truth** into our lives so that the *healing process* can begin with us and spread to **others**. ([Psalm 107:20](#); [Prov. 4:20-22](#))
 - i. **For Ex.** “Dear Lord, thank You for Your word that is **sharper** than any sword. Thank You for wielding it as *a surgeon and a friend* in our lives, for using it for our good and our good alone. Come **deeply** into our *hearts and lives* today with Your word and truth, using Your **spiritual scalpel** to cut away every *lie* believed, every *coping mechanism* relied on, and all of the *scar tissue* that has formed from our mishandled wounds. Search us, Lord, reveal to us where **You are working** in our lives that we might *join You there*.”
 1. **REMEMBER:** Refusal to *heal* is planning to **hurt**. ([Numbers 16:48](#))

Questions for Reflection:

- Has the Enemy **twisted** God’s word in your life to *confuse, distract, or discourage* you?
 - Take it back to its core, to the **motivation** and **heart** behind what is being said. If you look *behind the curtain* you will find out if God is speaking or not.
- Are you **weary** and **weak** from a lack of *spiritual nourishment*?
 - Take the time today and allow God to **pour into you**. Dehydration is *deadly* to our hearts and *destructive* to our ministry.
- Is there **a place** in your life that you won’t give God’s word *access to*?
 - Let Him in to do His surgical work. The longer you **delay**, the *more suffering* you and others will face as a result.