

THE MIND IS THE BATTLEGROUND OF THE SOUL

Wednesday Night Bible Study

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Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Rom 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

1. Most of the weapons that Satan uses against Christians are specialized Demonic spirits that have been assigned the mission to defeat you, and then possess you. If he succeeds in the process, then he becomes your master and you become his slave.
2. Since the Warfare we fight against, involves the spiritual realm and not the natural realm we must become knowledgeable on how to rely on the Holy Ghost, and the Word of God so that we can recognize what demonic spirits, or weapons, Satan is using against us.
3. If we get attacked over and over again by a spirit to continually bring us down to the pit of despair. We must learn to put on the whole armour of God to withstand His attacks.

4. The Mind is the number one attack of Satan to defeat us.
5. The main purpose of Satan's attacks is to try and get us to react by the works of the flesh. Instead of the character of Christ which is the fruit of the Spirit.

2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

SATAN'S WEAPONS

1. **Weapon of: Depression, Discouragement, Suicide**

When you start worshipping and praising God you see how fast the spirits of depression and discouragement leave and start running down the road to get away from you. The spirits of depression and discouragement detest the weapons of joy and praise, as they thrive and survive on doom and gloom.

- a. The Devil will try to tell you "what's the use" You're a total failure, you will never be an over comer, You will never regain what you had before you backslide. You will never become a vessel God can use and on an on, Satan's lies.

2. **Weapon of: The Spirit of heaviness**

Some of the Ways the Spirit of Heaviness is manifested is feeling of hopelessness, loneliness, discouragement, rejection, self-pity, depression, gloominess, despair and suicidal.

- a. However we must also remember that no weapon formed against us shall prosper.

Isa 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

- b. If you get tired of the Spirit of Heaviness plaguing your life, then put on the garment of praise and you will defeat this enemy in your life. It's up to us do we want to be a doom and gloom person or do we want to be filled with the joy of the Lord.

Isa 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

3. **Weapon: Spirit of Fear:** The Spirit of fear is a weapon Satan loves to use against Christians because it keeps them immobilized so they cannot become effective Warriors for Christ.

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

1Jo 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

- a. Fear is said to be one of the strongest emotions in a human's life. People can be fearful of all kinds of things. The most destructive types of fear are fear of people and what they think, fear of rejection, and fear of making a mistake. Fear is a weapon the devil uses to keep people from becoming vessels that God can use to minister to the needs of others.

4. **Weapon: Of Doubt and Unbelief**

Satan loves using Doubt and unbelief to hinder Christians from becoming mighty for God. When we allow doubt and unbelief to rule our minds, then Satan knows our prayers will not be answered. If our prayers are not answered, then we will start doubting the promise in the Word of God. If unbelief is in charge of our thoughts, then we are not pleasing

God and we are sinning. Are minds are not saying, what the Word is saying.

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Rom 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.

Heb 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

5. **Weapon: The Devil Loves to rub our face in our Past**

Isa 43:25 I, *even* I, *am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

6. **Weapon: of Discontentment**

If you are never happy with your life, never satisfied with the cards you have been dealt, always wanting more material things, never have enough of this and that, so on Beware! Maybe Satan is using the weapon of Discontentment on you

Phi 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.

Phi 4:12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

Phi 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Notice Paul said, “I Have Learned.” Contentment is a learned process.

The children of Israel were discontented with the circumstances God had ordered for their lives. And they murmured and complained, and guess what, they wandered around in the wilderness for 40 years.

If you want to wander around and around, never grow spiritually and never enter into their destiny God has ordered for your life, the continue being discontented and you will stay right where you are.

Heb 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

7. **Weapon: Jealousy “(song of Sol) “...Jealousy is cruel as the grave”**

A person that is controlled by jealousy is suspicious, has vain imaginations, is revengeful, full of hate, cruel, envious, and sows seeds of discord and causes division and strife.

If you are plagued by this spirit you need to go to prayer and call it by name and repent and have God cleanse you of that Spirit.

2Co 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

8. **Weapon of Infirmary:**

Luk 13:11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself*.

Luk 13:12 And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him*, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

Luk 13:13 And he laid *his* hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

If Satan cannot defeat and destroy us with his normal weapons of attack, then he will attack our bodies with a spirit of Infirmity, which encompasses all manner of diseases and illnesses.