

## **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

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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 strongholds;)

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;

2Co 10:6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

1. **For the Weapons of our Warfare:** This means or weapons by which we hope to achieve our victory.
2. **Are not Carnal:** Not to be fought by the flesh: We can not depend on eloquence, or talent, or learning, or wealth, or beauty, or any of the external aids on which the people of this world rely on.
3. **But Might through God:** They are rendered mighty or powerful by the agency of God They depend on him for their power to produce a desired effect.

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

2Co 6:5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings;

2Co 6:6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

2Co 6:7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

2Co 6:8 By honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and *yet* true;

2Co 6:9 As unknown, and *yet* well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

2Co 6:10 As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.

## **TWO BATTLE FRONTS OF A CHRISTIAN**

### **1. SELF-INFLICTED OR SELF PERPETUATED PROBLEMS:**

- a. **The perpetuate means:** cause to continue
- b. These problems are brought on by our own negligence or indifference.
- c. **Such as:** Not paying your bills, not taking care of your health; not doing proper maintenance on your autos or your home; spending money freely; neglecting your giving of tithes and offerings. Not living up to your God given responsibilities. Allowing depression to rule your life.
- d. (Examples: Abraham and Lot, Naomi and the Land of Moab (sojourn): Samson and Delilah; Saul and Amalekites)

### **2. DOING BATTLE AGAINST SATANIC FORCES, YOUR SINFUL FLESH AND THE WORLD.**

1Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1Jn 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.