

# SPIRITUAL WARFARE

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

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1. **The warfare of righteousness started way back in the book of Genesis:**

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Eve, deceived by him and is also true of Satan and the church of God in all ages, between whom there is an **merciless and an conflicting hatred, and a perpetual war:**

**Gal 5:17**

**For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit** - The inclinations and desires of the flesh are contrary to those of the Spirit. They draw us away in an opposite direction, and while the Spirit of God would lead us one way, our carnal nature would lead us another, and thus produce the painful controversy which exists in our minds.

**And these are contrary ...** - They are opposite in their nature. They never can harmonize;

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.

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*;  
Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Gal 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Gal 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Gal 4:28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

Gal 4:29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now.

1. **We must conquer our carnal nature if we are going to walk on streets of gold.** Alexander the Great could conquer the world, but could not conquer his own nature. In a fit of rage he killed one of his best friends.

1Co 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

1Co 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1Co 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

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;

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

### **2Co 10:3**

**For though we walk in the flesh** - Though we are mortal like other people; though we dwell like them in mortal bodies, weak men we may be, but it is not as such that we fight our battles.

**For the weapons of our warfare, Are not carnal, But mighty through God** -- The weapons we wield are not merely human, but divinely potent to demolish strongholds. Our strength is powerful by the agency of God, They depend on him for their power to produce a desired effect.

1. **The word warfare:** In 2 Corinthians 10:4 means; “**Campaign.**” Paul was not simply fighting a little skirmish in Corinth; the attack of the enemy there was part of a large satanic campaign. The powers of hell are still trying to destroy the work of God, and it is important that we not yield any ground to the enemy, in the church and in your personal life.

**2Co 10:5**

**Casting down imaginations** - Margin, reasonings. **imaginations** — rather, “reasonings.” Whereas “thought” expresses men’s own *purpose* and determination of living after their own pleasure [Tittmann].

Our battle is to bring down every deceptive fantasy and every imposing defense that men erect against true knowledge of God.

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 armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

**Strong in the Lord:** I have no more to say, brethren, except this; draw your strength from the Lord.

**And in the power of his might:** “And in the conquering power of his strength. And in the power which His supreme might imparts.”

**Against the wiles of the Devil:** “The strategies of the adversary” “So you can successfully resist all the devil’s methods.”

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

1. **Self-Inflicted Problems:**

- a. **Our self perpetuated**: Means to continue
- b. These problems are brought about 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 your 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; Samson and Delilah; Saul and the Amalekites.

## **2. Doing Battle Against Satanic Forces, 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 for ever.

### **THE WARFARE OF CONFORMITY**

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be **conformed to the image of his Son***, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Act 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; **and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.**

**Crowd Control**: Is the method of making sure that a large crowd does not get out of hand. But this term may also refer to the control a crowd can wield over an individual.

1. **The world which includes** wicked men and women and the influence of Hollywood, Music industry is using their devisees to Conform us, and to reform us but only Jesus can **Transform** us.