

The Spiritual War in Your Home, Part 7 | the weapons

- I. In order to access the spiritual weapon you must be in God's Army — you must be saved.**
 - Everyone is in *a* spiritual army. God's army is just far better than Satan's. Satan will lie to you, and tell you that you're in control of your own army, but you're really enslaved to him. And there's the fact that Satan is going to lose.
 - If any of your family members are not born again, they are — by default — enlisted in Satan's army and part of the World System that he may — if he desired — control for his own purposes.
 - Salvation is the first and absolutely necessary step to having success in Spiritual Warfare. This is why Evangelism Parenting is the single most important kind of parenting you can do if you children are not born again. And Evangelism Spousing is the most important thing you can do if you husband or wife isn't a follower of Christ.

- II. In order to access the spiritual weapon, a Soldier of Christ must request it — you must pray.**
 - John 11:22; John 16:23; James 1:5; Ephesians 6:18-20
 - Prayer is the soldier coming before the General and requesting access to the necessary spiritual armament.
 - The ancient concept of a name encompassed the person's character. The idea of "asking in Jesus' name" was to ask God only for those things that would fall in line with His divine character. It's not baptizing *our* desires in Jesus' name; it's only requesting those things that God already knows we need.
 - At nearly every moment of every day Satan, the World, and the Flesh are tempting you and your family to sin against God. At nearly every moment of the day you need access to the spiritual weapon we're about to describe if you hope for you or your family to overcome the spiritual attack. Have you prayed for access to this weapon? Are you praying now for your children's access to this weapon? Have you taught your kids the necessity of prayer in spiritual warfare?

- III. The spiritual weapon comes from God's armory — you must search the Scriptures.**
 - There's no amount of following your heart, listening for Jesus to "talk to you," seeking gurus and experts, getting secular counseling, watching TV, or reading self-help books that will help you have victory in Spiritual Warfare.
 - God has given us everything we need for life and godliness where? That's right, through the knowledge of Christ (II Peter 1:3). And where do we find that? Only and ever in the Bible.
 - You will never gain access to the spiritual weapon you and your family need outside of God's revealed Word.
 - The less time you spend in God's Word, the less time you'll gain access to the weapon you need to overcome Satan, the World, and the Flesh.
 - This is exactly how Jesus Christ — the incarnate God-man — fought Satan's temptations for 40 days. He quoted the Scriptures right at Satan, and there was nothing Satan could do.

IV. This spiritual weapon is loaded with Truth.

- Psalm 119:160; Philippians 4:8
- There is no Truth that is not God's Truth. Jesus is the Truth. There is God's Truth, and everything else is the Lie.
- Ephesians 6 refers to the "Belt of Truth." The belt allowed the soldier to move unencumbered by the flowing garb of Middle Eastern clothing. It also provided a place to carry the Sword of the Spirit which is the Bible, the collection of God's Truth to man.
- Now, what does this mean practically. It means that the only way you and your family will ever hope to overcome Satan, the World, and the Flesh is to know, understand, believe, and live in Truth. If it's True, we do it and say it and feel it and think it. If it's not, we don't.
- If you're firing this weapon at your spiritual attacker, it will always agree with God's Word. If you're passing your children the ammunition they're going to need to fire at their spiritual attacker, you must hand them Truth. The lie will jam the weapon and blow up in their face. After that, the enemy will rush in and leave them in shambles.

V. The spiritual weapon is encased in righteousness.

- Our spiritual weapon will never include sin, unrighteousness, transgression, wicked, evil, iniquity, white lies, unkindness, impatience, sinful hatred, sinful anger, heresy, drunkenness, impurity, dissension, enmity, quarreling, and the countless other works of the Flesh the Bible enumerates.
- This spiritual weapon — which is guaranteed to overcome sin — cannot be sin. It must be righteousness. It's never right to do wrong in order to get a chance to do right.

VI. The spiritual weapon is sighted through the Gospel.

- The picture in Ephesians of the Gospel being footwear shows that it carries the soldier through everything.
- All Truth is pointed at man's need for God in salvation. All righteousness is impossible apart from being a born again follower of Christ.
- The Gospel is what helps us see the world the right way. When we look through the Gospel, our children will never look like enemies. When we look through the Gospel, Satan and the World and the Flesh will clearly be seen for the lying, destructive foes they are. When we see life through the Gospel, it will be clear what Truth and righteousness is needed to meet the spiritual attack we're facing.

VII. This spiritual weapon is fired with faith.

- Hebrews 11:6; James 1:5-8
- We are impotent to lift the weapon, sight it in, and fire it without faith. We must believe that God's plan for our parenting, marriage, and spiritual warfare is the absolute best.
- If you do not trust that God's weapon is the only way you and your family can overcome Satan, the World, and the Flesh, you will look anywhere and everywhere but to God's Word.
- This is why so many professing Christians run to medical and psychological fields for help with things the Bible clearly says are sins. We've believed Satan's propaganda machine that therapy is better than Bible or that you need therapy *and* the Bible.