

The War Goes On!

As long as we are in this world, there will be a spiritual war raging between the Church and the devil's kingdom.

Ephesians [6:10-12](#) KJV Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.
[11] Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
[12] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places .

Notice there is a conflict going on between the Church and the devil and his kingdom.

When I first got into the faith message, I just believed that Jesus won and that I didn't have to fight. Well, basically that is true; because since Jesus paid for our sins on the cross, satan has no legal authority over us. But remember the devil is an outlaw, and he doesn't abide by laws. He comes to steal, kill, and destroy; and if the Church doesn't resist him, he will take things from the Church that he has no authority to take. So let us find out how to stop him.

James 4:7 KJV Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

In this verse, we see the Church must do two things to be victorious over the devil. Submit to God, then resist the devil. I've learned over the years that submitting to God happens by making God and His Word my life. Let's look at some verses that will explain this.

Matthew 4:4 KJV But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Just like we eat natural food to stay physically strong, we must eat God's Word to stay spiritually strong.

We eat God's Word by meditating in it.

Psalms 1:1-3 KJV Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
[2] But his delight is in the law of the Lord ; and in His law doth he meditate day and night.
[3] And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Joshua 1:8-9 KJV This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.
[9] Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

In these verses we see that if we are going to win life's battles, we must meditate on God's Word on a daily basis. This will take commitment, because there are so many things to do in this world today. The distractions are many! We must learn to block out time from our busy schedules to spend time with God. If the devil steals your Word time, he will win the battles you fight with him.

Before soldiers go to war, they go through training. God wants us to go to the Bible Boot Camp. Let's look at some Scripture verses to study on this subject.

2 Timothy 2:1-4 AMP SO YOU, my son, be strong (strengthened inwardly) in the grace (spiritual blessing) that is to be found only in Christ Jesus.

[2] And the instructions which you have heard from me along with many witnesses, transmit and entrust as a deposit to reliable and faithful men who will be competent and qualified to teach others also.

[3] Take with me your share of the hardships and suffering which you are called to endure as a good (first-class) soldier of Christ Jesus.

[4] No soldier when in service gets entangled in the enterprises of civilian life; his aim is to satisfy and please the one who enlisted him.

Love you,
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