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For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. ([Hebrews 4:12-13](#) NKJV)

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions... what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. ([2 Timothy 3:10-17](#) NKJV)

Spiritual Warfare Scripture References

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. ([Romans 12:21](#) NKJV)

...the battle is the LORD's... ([1 Samuel 17:47](#) KJV)

"...the enemy... is the devil..." ([Matthew 13:37-39](#) KJV)

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." ([John 10:10](#) NKJV)

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"He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad." ([Matthew 12:30](#) NKJV)

"...what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple." ([Luke 14:31-33](#) NKJV)

This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may **wage the good warfare**, having faith and a good conscience... ([1 Timothy 1:18-19](#) NKJV)

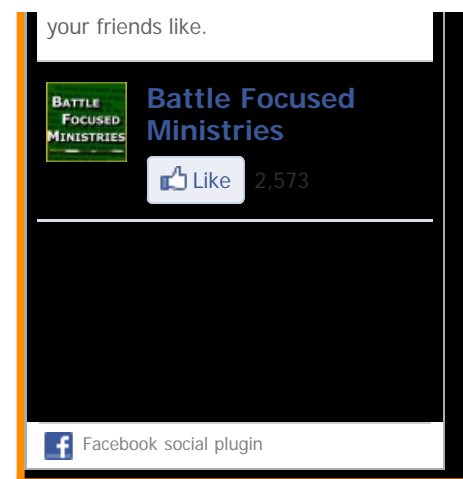
You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, **commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also**. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. ([2 Timothy 2:1-4](#) NKJV)

We are human, but we don't wage war with human plans and methods. We use God's mighty weapons, not mere worldly weapons, to knock down the Devil's strongholds... break down every proud argument that keeps people from knowing God... conquer their rebellious ideas, and we teach them to obey Christ. ([2 Corinthians 10:3-5](#) NLT)

You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but **let us watch and be sober**. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. ([1 Thessalonians 5:5-8](#) NKJV)

We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the **armor of righteousness** on the right hand and on the left... ([2 Corinthians 6:3-7](#) NKJV)

Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord** and in the power of His might. Put on the [whole armor of God](#), that you may be **able to stand** against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against



principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the **whole armor of God**, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore,

- having girded your waist with truth,
- having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and
- having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
- And take the helmet of salvation, and the [sword of the Spirit](#), which is the word of God;

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, **being watchful** to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints — and for me... ([Ephesians 6:10-20](#) NKJV)

...they cried out to God in the battle. He heeded their prayer, because they put their trust in Him. ([1 Chronicles 5:20](#) NKJV)

...they cried, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!" And **every man stood in his place** all around... ([Judges 7:20-21](#) NKJV)

...rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil ...he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. ([Romans 13:3-5](#) NKJV)

...who through faith subdued kingdoms... became valiant in battle... ([Hebrews 11:33-34](#) NKJV)

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy **the works** of the devil. ([1 John 3:8-9](#) KJV)

...now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us **cast off the works of darkness**, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. ([Romans 13:11-14](#) NKJV)

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. ([Colossians 1:13-14](#) NKJV)

Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of

our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony**, and they did not love their lives to the death. ([Revelation 12:10-11](#) NKJV)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." ([Matthew 28:19-20](#) NKJV)

"I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." ([Matthew 16:18](#) KJV)

...in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ([Romans 8:37-39](#) NKJV)

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight... I have kept the faith. ([2 Timothy 4:6-7](#) NKJV)

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen. ([1 Timothy 6:12-16](#) NKJV)

For more spiritual warfare verses:

You may also wish to see more Bible verses focused on prayer at [Spiritual Warfare Prayers](#).

Spiritual Warfare Battle Tracking Matrix

Satan, our enemy — working amidst the world			God, our Father — working through His Church							
The dark forces of this world			The visible battle on earth				The Church living in the world		God living in us	
Their Character	Their Mission	Their Weapons	Physical (Temporal) Effects (If Satan reigns)	Spiritual (Eternal) Results (If unsaved)	Physical (Temporal) Effects (As God reigns)	Spiritual (Eternal) Results (If born again)	Our Weapons	Our Mission	Jesus' Life In Us	Holy Spirit Power
Dark (Fallen light)	Defame God	Darkness	Rebellion Anarchy Violence Wickedness	Blindness Pride Faithlessness	Submission Order Peace Godliness	Sight/Faith Humility Trust	Light (Public Worship, Good Works)	Illumination	The Light	Convicts to Repentance
Devouring	Destroy All Creation	Destruction	Decay Dis-ease Death	Despair Apathy Eternal Death	Restoration Healing Renewed Life	Joy Hope Eternal Life	Salt (Community Influence, Intercessory Prayer)	Restoration, Preservation	The Life	Seals & Comforts
Deceptive	Deceive the world and, if possible, the Elect	Deception (Distraction, Deflection, Disunion)	Oppression Excess Delusion	Bondage Emptiness Folly	Freedom Contentment Discernment	Grace Abundance Wisdom	Truth (Preach the Word, Be Fruitful, Contend for the Faith)	Revelation	The Truth	Teaches
Divisive	Divide the world and, especially, the Church	Division (Accusation, Slander)	Self-interest Prejudice Divorce Isolation	Fear Condemnation Severance	Self-sacrifice Acceptance Family Community	Respect Mercy Communion	Love (Neighborly Love, Brotherly Love, Christ-like Love)	Reconciliation	The Way	Guides & Helps

Dark forces — rule the temporal and seek to affect the eternal (fighting against the physical effects of God's eternal work)

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...

God's forces — create new spiritual life and seek to affect the physical world (fighting against the spiritual results, and physical effects, of Satan's rule)

...I have come that they may have life, and...have it more abundantly. — John 10:10

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