

Chapter 1 : What does the Bible say about spiritual warfare?

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Tweet Put on the full armor of God! Stand against the devil! We are not fighting men, but evil forces of a dark age! Go ahead and steal that candy bar, no one is looking. But until then, we have a fight on our hands! Here are 7 powerful prayers you can pray to withstand Satan and stay strong in these hard times of spiritual warfare. I pray that God will give you strength daily as you face the trials and tribulations of this world. Lord, come swiftly and deliver us from his wicked schemes for good! Give me strength today, Father, to stay strong in the face of adversity. May all of my thoughts and actions reflect You today. I want nothing to do with Satan! Bind him from me! I love You, Lord! Father, I am struggling big-time right now with pornography and I need You to carry me today. Please, Lord, stop all thoughts of sexual promiscuity from plaguing me. I need Your strength! I need Your hands of might! There is a battle for my heart and soul in this area and I want You to be the victor in my heart! I thank You for Your mighty arms of strength! I bless Your Name! I will proclaim to the masses that the war is over! You have defeated Satan with the cross! His weak, pathetic existence will end in the lake of fire and I cannot wait until the end! Until that time I pray that you will give me strength to endure the trials and hardships ahead. Prepare my heart and soul for war today! I love You, Abba! I pray that today You will be pleased with my actions. I will put on the belt of truth and not deceive those around me. I will put on the breastplate of righteousness and treat all I see with fairness and integrity. I will keep my shoes laced tight to deliver the good news, hoping that some will come to know You. I will keep the shield of faith before me to extinguish the temptations that come my way. I will wear the helmet of salvation and live joyfully knowing that I am not home yet! I will have the sword of the Spirit ready at all times to deliver deadly blows to those that will listen to Your Word and truth, that they may come to realize how much they need You! Father, I praise You and thank You for Your compassion on me! For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Lord, sin has its pleasures, but the pain after is far worse! Lord, I am sorry for allowing the temptations thrown at me to overtake me today. I have sinned against You and I am so sorry! I cannot understand the depth of Your love! You knew from the beginning that I would sin so much against You and yet You paid my price in advance. I am the worst of sinners. And yet, I am more than a conqueror through the cross! Lord, I have failed You today but I will walk forward with my head high knowing that this was only a battle. You have already won the war over my spirit and soul and I am Yours forever! I love You so much, Father! Thank you for the cross! The devil comes to devour and You already have the trap and snare ready! The devil comes to destroy, but his efforts are wasted. I have given my life to You! Jesus has saved me through the cross! There is nothing that can separate me from You, Lord! I thank You for Your faithfulness, Lord! Father, remind me today that You have got this under control! What can I do? Father, please use me to shine the light of truth to them! Lord, I wish they could see what I see, to know what I know! Give me the words to speak to them! Lord, the pain that they will face if they die today is gut wrenching to me! Father, give me peace of mind to withstand this chaos and be Your servant to the lost. Have you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior? He is the only way to be victorious! May God bless you as you continue to live a life worthy of the calling! The Sword of the Spirit: Just click the button below to get started.

Chapter 2 : 5 Powerful Spiritual Warfare Prayers to Start Your Day - Morning Prayers

Prayer card guides provide biblically based areas of prayer for specific needs or groups of people. Printed on both the front and back sides, they give numerous precise topics of prayer supported with Scripture references.

How can we establish a Spiritual Battle plan? Whether or not we want to accept it, we are in the midst of a battle. All around us there is a battle-taking place in the Spiritual realms, both inward and outward. Through the Spirit, we can become aware of this battle and know how live in victory, rather than defeat. Understanding the dynamics of the battle, and how we are to engage the enemy is vital if we want victory. For example, what if you were an army trying to engage an enemy and stop its advance, but you did not even know where the attack was coming from? You would be at the mercy of chance, hoping your army has enough force to repulse an attack when it comes. The Bible, through the Holy Spirit allows us to see our enemy and become aware of the spiritual war. Without the scriptures, we would be fighting an invisible unknown enemy, without even knowing we are at war. The Bible, revealed through the Spirit of God, has unveiled the invisible world, which surrounds us. In this spiritual world, we have an enemy who is at war with us, and wants to stop the kingdom of God from advancing. Satan and his fallen angels are the enemy! They seek to take destroy us, making us ineffective against their work. There is a battle raging all around us, and the tools of Satan are fully engaged in this battle. Satan uses our old man and our fallen nature to war with us in the spiritual realms, the Holy Spirit dwelling in us prepares us for the spiritual battle ahead. Paul in Ephesians chapter 6 describes the equipment of a spiritual warrior. Preparing for the battle How is the battle waged against us? As we shall see, this battle is waged in the minds of humanity, through whom; events in the physical world are transacted. We are spiritual beings inside a physical body; the war waged is in the battlefield of the mind. Satan is conducting a war in the spiritual realm, engaging our mind in the battle. Satan and his fallen angels accomplish this task in the spiritual realms, by lies and deception, appealing to the fallen nature. When we come to Christ, our mind and thinking transform through the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. If we yield control of ourselves to the Spirit, we will be filled with the Spirit, as the Lord takes and molds our life into the image of Christ. As much as we yield ourselves, we become more like Christ. Our old nature has a fallen way of thinking, susceptible to the deceptions of Satan. We refuse to give control of ourselves over and so we constantly in the midst of the struggle for control. Before a battle can be waged, we need to know where the war is. Where does the enemy attack? First, we have to understand the battle is within, a stone idol does not make us sin, nor does what someone wears, its what we do with those images within. The choices we choose to make. The attack is through our old fallen nature and the temptations which surround us. Second, we have the ability to choose, we are not helpless in this struggle. According to Robertson McQuilkin, author of *Life in the Spirit* [1], there are four steps to attaining victory over our old nature and establishing a battle plan. Identify the source of temptation 3. Recognize the Roots of Sin 4. Acknowledge the Taproot 1. Are we willing to give up the areas in our life? What exactly does this mean? In the days of the Jewish priesthood, living animals were scarified; they gave up their lives to atone for the sins of others. In the same way, they gave up their lives, we should give up our past life, and we should be willing to sacrifice our old nature. For example, after you come to Christ your friends invite you to a bar, which has more than just drinks and chips. You feel the Spirit groan within about going to such a place. You hear a voice within saying you are going to be left out of all the fun and friendship. What do you do? Do you sacrifice this part of your life? These are just some examples, of what it means to be a living sacrifice; you must be willing to cede control of your life to the Holy Spirit. Identify the source of temptation Once we make the conscience effort to surrender our lives, we next need to identify, where the source of our temptation lies. What is the source of our temptation? The Bible is very clear; Satan is a roaring lion, looking for prey to devour. This eventually leads to death, both physically and spiritual if left unchecked. God allows Satan to tempt us, because our faith is being tried, through these temptations. In the book of Job, we see Satan in action, he however complains about Job, because he is protected by hedge Job 1;10, which he is not permitted to cross. This also applies to us. God has made a way out with each temptation; Satan is only permitted to go so far. Ultimately, God allows temptation, though God Himself

tempts no one. In Luke 4 , Satan tempted Jesus using the same appeals he does to us. In each case, Jesus rebuked Satan with scripture. He tempted Jesus to prove he was the Son of God, by turning stones into bread, while he was hungry. He tempted Jesus with pride, by daring Jesus to cast Himself from the top of the Temple, to demonstrate his importance. Satan uses the same methods on us, appealing to our desires. Recognize the Root Sin Satan uses the desires the natural desires we have and perverts them, tempting us so we can fall into sin. Robertson McQuilkin delineates the process of sin, and our need to understand what we are fighting. And actually God is the one who designed our desires in the first place. God created us to enjoy our bodies, to possess things, to amount to something. But we are forever trying to fulfill those desires in the wrong way. We are born with natural desires, designed by God without which we would just die off as a race. There is a desire for sex, without it there would be no children. We have a desire to eat, without such we would starve. We have a desire to own things, such as clothes and shelter. All of these are part of our natural design, God created humanity with desires. For all that is in the world-the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-is not of the Father but is of the world. Therefore, we need understand, why we sin, what is causing us to act the way we do. Do we hate somebody, because we jealous of the possessions, or importance? Is Satan tempting us with our own significance, appealing to our pride? Do we really believe God is able to give us the needs we desire? This is the real source of our sin. For us to begin this battle we need to identify our sins, what is hold us back from being the spiritual warrior God wants. Roots of Sin How I respond in the flesh 1. What temptations do I have in my flesh that God would not be pleased with?

Chapter 3 : 7 Powerful Prayers For Spiritual Warfare

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Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. This enemy is real and fierce, and will stop at nothing to try to bring you defeat and destruction. We never fight alone. The reality of this powerful chapter is that Paul wrote these words while in chains, in prison. Yet the truth is - the enemy, no matter how vicious his schemes, can never chain our spirits that have been set free by Christ. Paul was not silenced by the cruel attacks from dark forces. Neither should we be. We do not have to walk in fear. For when we belong to Christ, the enemy never has the final word. Focusing here today, staying alert, and praying, that God will equip believers everywhere to "stand strong. For God has the final victory over our lives Dear God, We thank you that you hold the victory over sin and death in this world. We thank you for freedom and the hope you bring. The enemy has no control over us, and we bring your word of Truth as weapon against his schemes. We ask that you would give us wisdom and discernment to recognize the schemes of the enemy in our lives and to stand strong against his work. We ask that you would remind us to pray, constantly, for all believers. We ask that you help us to remember to put on your armor daily, for you give us all that we need to stand firm in this day. We thank you that though you remind us in your word that the whole world lies under the power of the evil one, you are still far greater and we have overcome, because you have set us free. We love you Lord. We stand together in your great and powerful Name.

Chapter 4 : Tyndale | Everyday Prayers for Your Spiritual Battle pack

Measuring " x ", these prayer cards are easy to read and are perfect for placement in pews and display racks. Church members can easily keep them in larger size Bibles, on their refrigerator, or tacked to a bulletin board.

Related Media 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. In some cases, the fight could hardly be called a battle. The German army advanced, with its tanks and with technologically advanced weapons. It was no contest at all, because these nations were not equipped for the battle. The same could be said of Satan, and those whom he opposes. Many of his victims do not even know there is a war going on. They make easy prey. Christians should know that we are in the midst of a great spiritual struggle, although many seem not to believe it. It not only assures us that there is a spiritual war, but it warns us that apart from utilizing the weapons which God has provided for us, we are hopelessly underpowered. This passage informs us as to what our divinely weapons are. Beyond this, these weapons imply the nature of the struggle which we are in. In this first lesson, we will concentrate on verses , which direct our attention to the war itself, and to our grasp of its gravity. After a consideration of the war in general, we will then proceed to examine in more detail each of the weapons Paul mentions, and the offensive strategy of Satan which they imply. May God give us open hearts and minds to understand the spiritual war, and the means which He has provided for our defense.

The Spiritual War in the Old Testament It should come as no surprise to the Christian to read here that we are engaged in a great spiritual battle. From the early chapters of the Old Testament it is apparent that Satan is the enemy of God, and that he actively seeks to oppose God, His purposes, and His people. Let us consider the evidence for the spiritual war in the Old Testament, and then to further pursue this matter in the New Testament. We would probably turn first to the third chapter of the Book of Genesis to find Satan striking what appears to be the first blow of the spiritual war. Actually, the battle began long before the creation of Adam and Eve. You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! The ruby, the topaz, and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx, and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise, and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. It is clear from these verses that the prophets are not speaking only of an earthly ruler, but of someone possessing much greater power. They are speaking of none other than Satan. He was the angel who was created by God Ezekiel He was the one who was in Eden, the garden of God Ezekiel He was once blameless at the time of his creation, but then was found with sin Ezekiel He possessed great beauty, power, and authority, but he had to have more. He wanted to exalt himself further; he wanted to become like God Isaiah When Satan rebelled against God, others joined him in opposing God and His purposes. And so we find Satan making his first public appearance in Genesis chapter 3, not as Satan, but as a creature which God has made. He contended that Job would only serve God as long as God blessed him. God then granted Satan the authority to afflict Job, but always within strict limits. An important thing to note here is not only that the suffering of Job, which appeared to be of very natural causes, was of satanic origins. In 2 Kings chapter 6, the king of Syria was waging war against Israel. When the king of Syria learned that Elisha was the source of his troubles, he sent out his army to seize him. In the morning, the Syrian troops surrounded the city of Dothan, where Elisha was staying. The panic-stricken servant rushed to his master and told him what he had seen. While the servant was terrified by what he had seen, Elisha remained calm. He knew something that his servant did not. He knew that earthly armies were no threat when the host of heaven was on his side. What shall we do? This heavenly army descended to Elisha, who prayed that they might strike the enemy with blindness. He would not allow them to be killed, but instead sent them all home after giving them food and water. The heavenly army is ever-present, and it responds to the prayers of the saints. A glimpse which is not mentioned in the parallel account in 2 Samuel chapter But behind his foolish and sinful decision we find Satan, ever seeking to oppose God through His people. Finally, in the Book of Daniel we come to one of the most dramatic examples of the spiritual warfare: I see four men loosed and walking about in the midst of the fire without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods! But I shall now return to fight

against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these forces except Michael your prince Daniel. But when these three were cast into the furnace, the king looked in and was shocked to see not three, but four men inside, and they were not writhing in pain or being consumed by the flames, they were walking around inside that furnace. If not our Lord Himself, this fourth person was surely an angelic being, sent there to save the lives of these faithful men. In chapter 10 an angel was sent to Daniel, in answer to his prayers note verse. Having been left there with the kings of Persia, Michael came to his rescue. The important thing to notice here is that angels are very much involved in the affairs of men and of nations. More than this, the unholy angels seem to have a link with political kingdoms and their kings. Satan sought to tempt our Lord to renounce His submission to the Father by acting independently for His own selfish gain. He was, of course, unsuccessful, for which we all may be grateful. What worked on Adam and on others, would not work on this King. Three of the Gospels record the exorcism which our Lord performed on the Gerasene demoniac. And when He had come to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs; they were so exceedingly violent that no one could pass by that road. Have You come here to torment us before the time? I implore You by God, do not torment me! They expected the Lord Jesus to come and to engage them in war. What they did not understand was why He had come at that time. He had arrived early by their way of thinking. They, like all others, were not looking for two comings of the Messiah, but only one. It was Satan who entered into Judas, using him to betray his Lord and to hand Him over to those who would arrest Him. John. In Acts chapter 5 we read of Ananias and his wife Sapphira, who had given a certain amount of money to the work of the Lord, but who had lied about the amount. When Peter rebuked Ananias for his deception, he attributed the source of the lie to Satan: And near the end of this epistle Paul warns that Satan and his subordinates disguise themselves as true believers, thereby seeking to lead some astray by their authoritarian leadership: In 2 Thessalonians 2: In 1 Timothy 3: In chapter 5 of 1 Timothy Paul urges younger widows to get married and not to become idle gossips and busybodies. Paul refers to gossiping as turning aside to follow Satan. Now who would have ever considered gossip to be satanic? In his epistle, James condemns the quarrels and strife which were taking place among the saints. He first links such sins to the pursuit of fleshly pleasures 4: He then indicates that such sin is rebellion against God which grieves His Holy Spirit 4: Next, James links quarrelling and strife with Satan: Resist the devil and he will flee from you James 4: Peter had come to learn about Satan the hard way see Matthew. And so we find him warning others of the threat which Satan poses as our adversary. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. In the letters to the seven churches, recorded in Revelation 2 and 3, the Lord Jesus frequently mentions Satan as the source of temptation and trials in the church see 2: The remainder of the Book of Revelation describes the coming final conflict with Satan, and his ultimate demise see especially chapters 12 and. He knows, as we do, that the church is being watched by the angels, and that they are being instructed by what they see. I understand that a significant number of angelic beings joined with Satan during or after his rebellion against God, as described in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel. I am also inclined to believe that Revelation. As the angels observe the women in submission to their own husbands 1 Corinthians. It may well be that in Job 1, Satan was not only trying to make a point with God, but with his fellow-angels, when he suggested that the only reason why any creature worships God is a selfish one. No wonder, then, that Satan would work so hard to corrupt the church and its message to the angels. From these texts and many others, I believe that it is safe to say that Satan is the arch-enemy of the church. He is ever seeking to cause the saints to stumble and attempting to thwart the plans and purposes of God for His church. As a slave, your world is a small one. You have severe limitations in terms of personal freedom, and in your exposure to the world. You may be a slave, but you are a part of an eternal plan, and privileged to take part in bringing glory to God.

Chapter 5 : 31 Spiritual Warfare Scriptures: Verses to Help Face Life's Battles

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By Jason Jackson We are in the fight of our lives. But standing at the eighteenth hole on a gorgeous spring morning, one might hardly feel in danger. This conflict, however, is very real. Paul lays emphasis on the reality of this struggle, stressing that it is both difficult and dangerous. Will we never seriously put on the whole armor of God if we do not believe that this spiritual battle is real, difficult, and dangerous? Charles Hodge expressed it like this: Crossway Books, , p. Be Strong in the Lord When Paul outlines the blessedness of the gospel in Ephesians , he intends to motivate us to live like God desires Eph " in the church, before the world, and within our families " regardless of the circumstances in which we find ourselves. The verb is in the present tense form, demonstrating the abiding need for this strength. The verb is passive, which indicates that the strength is supplied from without; it is a power beyond our own ability to muster. It is also noteworthy that this term is in the imperative mood, signifying the personal responsibility required to utilize the divine might. This power must be appropriated; it is there for the taking by the one who sees its necessity. This power is to be known, and an understanding of it is something for which we should pray Eph. The more we know about the Lord, the more we value our Savior, the stronger we will be. Put on the Whole Armor of God Ephesians 6: The spiritual body armor will equip the soldier so that he can stand firm in the fight vv. Every component is important, and because it is the armor of God, it is effective. Without the divine supplies, we are fodder for the forces of evil. Without this preparedness, we cannot stand. The power of God is necessary because the wiles of the devil involve a spiritual struggle, reinforced by the spiritual hosts of wickedness. This is an intense, close-quarters battle " a wrestling. While we may be tempted and tried through other human beings, Paul intends for us to identify the real source of the conflict. These enemies of God and man are described in a four-fold manner, indicating that they have a sphere of influence and a power to utilize. They are spiritual ones of wickedness " an insinuation of their choice to pursue rebellion and evil cf. This battle is as real as the devil himself. He is Satan, the adversary; he is the devil, our accuser " the enemy of God and man. He is our enemy, the serpent, the dragon, the always-tempting one, the deceiver, the father of lies, a murderer from the beginning, ruler of this world, and prince of the power of the air 1 Pet. And he is not alone in his evil schemes Mt. These created beings are subject to the sovereignty of God, exercise only limited authority, are fallen and condemned, and will ultimately be defeated by the Lord 2 Pet. They will suffer eternal punishment Mt. In the garden of Eden, he brought upon mankind the curse of death. In the wilderness, he tempted the Lord to abandon his mission, and in the garden of Gethsemane, he hoped betrayal would demoralize and deliver him. Put on the armor of God, and Satan cannot defeat you Eph. Christ Jesus has the keys of death and hades Rev. The Armor of God Paul rehearses that which the child of God must put on, keep on, and rely on. The soldier of Christ must gird his waist with truth, put on the breastplate of righteousness, have his feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, take up the shield of faith, take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God Eph. The adversary plans to deceive the mind. How easy it is to get someone to go along with something, as long as they think it is alright. We need, therefore, to fasten on the belt of truth, by having a love, knowledge of, and belief in the truth 2 Thes. The tempter will attack the will as well as the mind. We cannot continue in sin, but we must wholly dedicate ourselves to righteous living in order to have the protection available with the breastplate of the righteousness of God Rom. The devil hopes to weaken our resolve, but the gospel that provides peace equips us with firm spiritual footing. The evil one wants to destroy our hope and diminish our convictions, but the shield of faith will quench all his fiery darts. But we must lift it up. We must believe what God reveals and do what the Lord requires. This is biblical, shield-like faith. Satan would tempt us to minimize the importance of salvation. He would like for us to think of it as a past experience only. Paul encourages us, however, to recall and consider the meaning of salvation today. We are saved by the grace of God through faith, and therein we stay. We have

had our access by faith into the grace in which we abide, and we must remain in it Rom. If, at any time, we rely on our own merit, we are severed from Christ and fallen from grace Gal. If we fail to spiritually develop, Peter says that it is because we have forgotten the cleansing of our old sins 2 Pet. Receive it and be moved by the great love wherewith he loved us, and salvation constantly appreciated will be your helmet. The sword of the Spirit is the word of God. The Spirit supplies the cutting power, because these are the words of God cf. The Christian should not underestimate the power of this weapon. It is, in reality, the source from which all these spiritual attributes are obtained. It is how we learn the truth. It unfolds the gospel plan, and thereby is the source our faith Rom. Through it, we are saved Jas. By reading four to five chapters a day, one can read through the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice in a year. Only by giving it our time and affection will we be like an unmovable, beautiful, fruitful tree Ps. Or, in the metaphor of Ephesians 6, one must wield the word of God, or die the second death. This battle is real, difficult, and dangerous. We ought to take our sword and armor very seriously, and be made strong in the Lord.

Chapter 6 : Spiritual Warfare - 10 Questions to Know if You are in a Battle

Prayer for My Children Prayer for parents MY PRAYER Prayer Room Prayer Cards Faith & prayer Prayer For Lost Souls Power of Prayer Fervent Prayer Forward This is my fifth installment from the prayer card, Prayers for Prodigals: These Scripture-based prayers are designed to be prayed for an.

What does the Bible say about spiritual warfare? There are two primary errors when it comes to spiritual warfare—“over-emphasis and under-emphasis. Some blame every sin, every conflict, and every problem on demons that need to be cast out. Others completely ignore the spiritual realm and the fact that the Bible tells us our battle is against spiritual powers. The key to successful spiritual warfare is finding the biblical balance. Jesus sometimes cast demons out of people; other times He healed people with no mention of the demonic. The apostle Paul instructs Christians to wage war against the sin in themselves Romans 6 and warns us to oppose the schemes of the devil Ephesians 6: For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. We are to stand firm with the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit, and by praying in the Spirit. What do these pieces of spiritual armor represent in spiritual warfare? We are to know the truth, believe the truth, and speak the truth. We are to proclaim the gospel no matter how much resistance we face. Our ultimate defense is the assurance we have of our salvation, an assurance that no spiritual force can take away. Our offensive weapon is the Word of God, not our own opinions and feelings. And we are to pray in the power and will of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is our ultimate example of resisting temptation in spiritual warfare. Observe how Jesus handled direct attacks from Satan when He was tempted in the wilderness Matthew 4: A word of caution concerning spiritual warfare is in order. The name of Jesus is not a magic incantation that causes demons to flee from before us. The seven sons of Sceva are an example of what can happen when people presume an authority they have not been given Acts When we start talking to the devil, we run the risk of being led astray as Eve was Genesis 3: Our focus should be on God, not demons; we speak to Him, not them. In summary, what are the keys to success in spiritual warfare? We put on the whole armor of God. We pray in perseverance and holiness, making our appeal to God. We stand firm Ephesians 6:

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Carr Do you ever think of yourself engaged in spiritual warfare? Often times those words bring up thoughts of exorcisms and heads turning around three hundred sixty degrees. However, in reality fighting temptation and living the gospel are themselves forms of spiritual warfare. Therefore, believe it or not we actually engage in this battle everyday. Further, do not forget that the prize is the most precious treasure we possess, human souls. Our own and those of others. Are there rules of spiritual warfare? Sure there are, in fact St. Paul has a famous passage where he describes the tools to fight this battle. He reminds us in the sixth chapter of his letter to the Ephesians that our battle is not against human forces, but against principalities and powers the evil spirits in regions above. This is an important distinction because whenever we are in battle, it is important to define our enemy. This is no less true in spiritual warfare. If we do not do this, then our response may appear to lead us to victory when, in fact, it leads us to defeat. This is because we fight the wrong enemy and if that is the desire of the forces of evil; they win. There are, therefore, three steps in engaging in spiritual warfare that are important in order to be successful. The enemy can be blatant or subtle. The enemy could be the temptation to sin or could manifest itself in the person who tells you to reject Christ. In either case, the person or desire that wants you to act in contrary to Christ can define the enemy. Parishioners at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston recognize those who harassed them with bull horns and other devices, as manifesting the forces of evil. They endured men holding bullhorns and screaming for them to not enter what they called "The House of Rape". The demand of these protesters was that the parishioners reject the Cathedral and the Mass. Indeed, they once called for a boycott of all masses in the Archdiocese of Boston. The enemy can also be defined by lies. When some one is trying to convince you that black is white and up is down and good is bad, you could be dealing with the forces of evil. Remember the Prince of Lies cannot tell the truth. Yet, the Prince of Lies will call those who tell the truth liars. That is another sign. When you hear someone telling blatant falsehoods as truths and calling those who point out the truth liars, you are probably dealing with the forces of evil. There are other manifestations as well. Basically look for what force leads you away from Christ, usually with a smile, by the way. If it is the tempter, the desire is to lead you into sin. If it is someone trying to lead you away from Christ, this desire will become obvious, if you are attentive to it. Watch out for a desire common seen in our Church today; it is to get the people against each other. Again, looking at the crisis in the Church, look back and see how much work was put together to get the people against their bishops and priests. Look at how much effort was put into leading people to believe the Bishops had lost their moral voice. Further, look at how little effort was spent in the calling all Catholics closer to Christ through repentance. Do not think these actions were not manifestations of the forces of evil. The desire was to get people to reject their leaders. Watch out as well for those forces trying to get priests and bishops, as well as married laity to reject their vows or even walk away from their vocations. If the tempter is leading you into sin, walk the other way. If you are dealing with those trying to prevent you from going to Church, go to Church. If they are trying to get you to reject your priests and bishops, support your priests and bishops. If it is to be proud, be humble. If it is to procrastinate on your prayers, begin to pray. The reality of spiritual warfare is not something we should relegate to movies about possession. It is real and is literally as common as sin. Yet, the closer we walk to Christ, the more we can see the whiles of the evil one. We can then see what it wants and do the opposite.

Chapter 8 : A Spiritual battle plan for Spiritual warfare

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Anyone who seeks to have a vital relationship with God through prayer “ ever growing toward greater intimacy with the Father through the finished work of the Son, Jesus “ is a prime target for satanic salvos. The Bible says that there is an enemy who is bent on destruction and will do whatever.