

THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT CARNAL—PART 1

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DAY 1 – YOUR WEAPONS ARE NOT CARNAL BUT SPIRITUAL

Your weapons of warfare are not carnal but spiritual. To use spiritual weapons, you must mature spiritually. When you get born again, you are born of the Spirit of God. You are a spirit being with a soul; you have an inward and an outward man. To be born from above is a spiritual birth. God becomes our very own Father, and we take on His nature.

STUDY IT

- I. Your weapons of warfare are not carnal but spiritual (2 Corinthians 10:4).
 - The word *carnal* means “the body as opposed to the soul or spirit; that which is external; human nature with its frailties, physically or morally, and passions.”
 - As Christians, our weapons are not carnal, external or frail, but they are spiritual.
- II. To use spiritual weapons, you must mature spiritually.
 - Paul told the church at Corinth that he had to talk to them as carnal men, not as spiritual people, because they were still babies in the things of God (1 Corinthians 3:1-3, *AMPC*).
 - *To be carnal* means “to act like a baby.”
 - We must mature by reading and studying God’s Word, which is the milk of the Word (1 Peter 2:2).
 - It’s not wrong to be a baby in spiritual things; but don’t stay that way. In the Church, there are babies who were born again five or 10 years ago. They need to grow up.
- III. When you get born again, you are born of the Spirit of God.
 - You are supposed to walk like the spirit being that you are. You are not supposed to be acting like the people of the world.
 - A few attributes of carnality are: envy, strife, divisions, jealousy, wrangling, factions, acting like a mere man.
 - We’ve got to grow up.
- IV. You are a spirit being with a soul; you have an inward man and an outward man.
 - Man is a spirit. He has a soul, and he lives in a body (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

- We have an inward man; we have an outward man (2 Corinthians 4:16). The hidden man of the heart is the inward man (1 Peter 3:4).
- The heart, the core of man, is spirit.
- The soul is the mind, will and emotions.
- The body is the house we live in. People can't see other people's spirits. We can only see the house (the body) another person lives in.
- When a person passes away, you can still see his body, but if he chose to make Jesus Christ his Lord, the person's spirit and soul are with Him.

V. To be born from above is a spiritual birth.

- When we are born from above, God becomes our very own Father, and we take on His nature.
- Jesus told Nicodemus that to see the kingdom of God, a man must be born again (John 3:1-6). That was a new phrase to Nicodemus. He didn't understand what Jesus was saying.
- The moment you are born again, your inner man comes alive, and you are no longer a "mere man."
- You have to study God's Word to learn how to live as a spiritual man.
- When the outer man dominates, that person is carnal.
- When the inner man dominates, that person is spiritual and has weapons and power (Acts 1:8).
- We are to let the spirit dominate our lives.

Additional scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:1, 8; Galatians 4:26; Philippians 3:20-21;
Romans 8:2; Colossians 3:1-4

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray this prayer with us:

Father in heaven, I thank You for allowing me to be born again into Your kingdom. I want to grow up. I want to grow in knowledge and understanding of Your kingdom and what belongs to me. Please help me as I read and study Your Word, and lead me to use my spiritual authority and weapons to defeat the enemy. Thank You, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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DAY 2 – YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

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- I. Your identity in Christ is a born-again, spiritually alive person.
 - There is an enemy, the devil, and he comes to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10).
 - As a spiritual person, you can stop the enemy, not with natural weapons, but with powerful, spiritual ones (2 Corinthians 10:4).
 - Go from defeat to victory, when you learn to use the power in Jesus' Name and in God's Word, and by doing what the Word says to do.
 - The carnal man is immature spiritually and cannot use spiritual weapons effectively (1 Corinthians 3:1-3, *AMPC*).
 - The carnal man has envy, jealousy, strife and divisions, and is mad at half the world. He feeds on entertainment, not God's Word.
 - To grow spiritually you must first be born again, or born from above. Spiritual growth comes when you read and study God's Word.

- II. You are a citizen of heaven right now (Philippians 3:20).
 - You are a spirit being, an ambassador of heaven, and you live by different laws than the world.
 - You are to think about heavenly things, not about things of the earth (Colossians 3:1-3).
 - The inner man is the spirit man. The outward man is the flesh man.
 - The carnal person lets his outward man dominate and rule him.
 - You are to feed your inner man on the Word of God, so you will grow spiritually.
 - As your spirit grows, you allow your inner man to dominate you.
 - You can use your spiritual authority to change circumstances, situations, even the weather.
 - We don't pray about the weather. We speak to the weather with the authority God has given us, the weapons of our warfare. Use the Name of Jesus.
 - Natural weapons don't work against spiritual attacks.



- We are to show the demonic principalities and powers the victorious power of God.

III. When you receive Jesus, you receive power to become a son of God (John 1:12-13).

- God is your Father. Therefore, you can use the Name of Jesus as a weapon.
- You are of God and have overcome the world (1 John 4:4).
- You are a child of God, because you had a spiritual birth. You are a new creature—a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21, *AMPC*).
- The moment you are born again, you are a brand-new person. You have no past. Anything you have ever done wrong was wiped away by the blood of Jesus.
- Many members of the Church do not understand that they are a brand-new species.
 - Consequently, they just continue letting Satan beat them down, plague their minds, and suffer under guilt, worry and fear—all because they have not learned that they are brand-new creations who live by different rules.
- Even though we still live in the earth, we are ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). We live by the laws of heaven. We talk about the country we are from.
 - We don't have to be sick or poor. We are well provided for, but we do have to enforce the laws of our country, which is heaven.
 - We are to manifest God in the earth.
- All the wonderful things you see in God's Word are yours, but they don't just roll on you. You have to take them by faith.

Additional scriptures: John 3:1-3; Galatians 4:26; Romans 8:2; John 4:24

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Picture yourself as an ambassador living in another country with all the rights and privileges of your home country. Now, transfer that comparison to your spiritual, heavenly citizenship and your rights and responsibilities as an ambassador while living on earth.

Write what you expect your life should be like, knowing your citizenship is in heaven.



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DAY 3 – YOUR MIND: THE BATTLE ARENA

Much of the warfare that's against you is in the arena of your mind. Your spirit is born again, but your body and soul are not. Your soul must be trained to think the way God thinks. Renew your mind with the Word, and then, push away thoughts in opposition to the Word of God.

STUDY IT

- I. Much of the warfare that's against us is in the arena of our minds.
 - The devil attacks our minds with his thoughts.
 - To win, we can bring our thoughts in line with God's Word (2 Corinthians 10:5).
 - We must fill our minds with God's Word, so we can take authority over thoughts from the devil.
 - Jesus instructed us, "Take no thought [by] saying" (Matthew 6:31).
 - God wants our spirit, soul and body to be at peace, which means to be complete and whole.
 - Billye Brim said it's like divine health insurance.
 - Paul said he lived in a body, but he didn't walk in the flesh, war in the flesh or use fleshly weapons (2 Corinthians 10:2-5).

- II. Your spirit is born again, but your body and soul are not. Your soul must be trained to think the way God thinks.
 - The spirit and the soul are different things. The Word of God can divide the soul and the spirit (Hebrews 4:12).
 - Billye Brim tells story of her husband, Kent Brim, being attacked with thoughts.
 - When he was growing up, he was bombarded with thoughts to kill his father. Kent would fight these thoughts by pushing his body in sports, so he would be too physically tired to hear anything.
 - After Kent and Billye married and they were having a struggle financially, the voice came back tempting him to kill his family and himself.
 - This time, he fell to his knees and began to say the Lord's Prayer, "Deliver me from evil" (Matthew 6:9-13). When he said that part of the prayer, the voice left and did not return.



- Later they heard a teaching saying that your mind is the arena where the devil attacks, and he even attacks children.
- At the school shooting in Florida, the FBI questioned the students. More than 100 students said they heard a second voice. The FBI investigators were sure there was only one shooter.
 - The Lord told the grandmother of one of the students that there *were* two voices. One voice was the shooter, and one was a demon directing the man to line up the students and shoot them.
- Demons enter into your mind through your thought life.
 - Demons can talk to your mind to discourage you. They try to convince you to commit suicide.
 - Stand against these talking demons by speaking God's Word.
 - Take authority over every thought that's not God's plan for you. Renew your mind with the Word of God (Romans 12:1-2, *ESV*).

III. Renew your mind with God's Word, then push away thoughts that are in opposition to the Word of God.

- Just because a thought passes through your mind, doesn't mean it's your thought. The devil tries to talk to your mind.
- God's Word promises us a mind filled with peace that is beyond human understanding (Philippians 4:7).

Additional scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Matthew 18:18-19; Revelation 12:10;
2 Timothy 1:7

MAKE IT PERSONAL

To receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord, pray this prayer with us.

Dear heavenly Father, I do believe Jesus died for my sins, and You raised Him from the dead. I believe it, and You said if I say it, and take Jesus as my Lord, I'll be saved. I'll be Your very own child. You will be my very own Father. And I do that right now. Jesus, I take You as the Lord of my life. Amen.



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DAY 4 – KNOW YOUR ENEMY

Jesus came to earth to destroy the works of the devil. When God created man, He gave man the ability to dominate and subdue any enemy. God, in His sovereignty, gave dominion in the earth to Adam. Adam, in his disobedience, gave dominion over to Satan. Jesus defeated the devil and gave us authority to subdue Satan's kingdom.

STUDY IT

- I. Billye Brim was commissioned by the Lord to teach the authority of the believer.
 - Kenneth E. Hagin stumbled onto spiritual authority, but he didn't know much about how to operate in it.
 - As Brother Hagin began to study spiritual authority, he found information from John A. MacMillan's book *The Authority of the Believer*.
 - Brother Hagin concluded that as the Church, we have authority on the earth that we've not yet realized. As a whole, the Church is not using the authority given to it by God.
 - Before Jesus returns, there's going to be a whole company of believers who will rise up with the authority that is theirs.
- II. Jesus came to earth to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8).
 - The Old Testament doesn't instruct any person to do anything about the devil. Those people couldn't cast him out; they didn't have the authority.
 - When Jesus came, He restored the authority to believers. Now, we use God-given, spiritual weapons to defeat the enemy (2 Corinthians 10:4).
 - The devil is our adversary, and we must know our enemy and his devices.
- III. When God created man, He gave man the ability to dominate and subdue any enemy (Genesis 1:26; Psalm 8:6).
 - In this life, you are either going to dominate or be dominated.
 - God created man to have dominion, but Adam gave it away.
 - When Adam sinned, Satan became the god of this world.
 - By that act of disobedience, Adam sold out his dominion to Satan.
 - The first time we see Jesus confronting the devil face to face was during the temptation in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-8).



- The temptation was for Jesus to circumvent God's plan by announcing that He was the Messiah without going to the cross.
- Satan said to Jesus, "Worship me, and You and I can take over from the Father."
- Jesus refused the devil's offer and was victorious!

IV. Adam, in his disobedience, gave dominion over to Satan. Jesus defeated the devil and gave us authority to subdue Satan's kingdom.

- Most people don't recognize that the god of this world is Satan, so, they have trouble understanding why the world is in a mess.
 - They think that God is in control, and everything that happens has a purpose.
 - They believe if something happens, it must be God's will.
 - These statements and beliefs are not true!
- You don't have to defeat Satan. Jesus has already defeated him and paraded his defeat before all creation (Colossians 2:15).
- Jesus has all authority, and He gave it to us. Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe: They shall cast out devils" (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:17).
- Not only are we to lay hands on people and cast the devil out, we are to take authority over the demons wherever we go. Don't let them operate anywhere!

V. Jesus defeated the devil and gave us authority to subdue Satan's kingdom.

- A four-year boy, Colton Burpo, died and went to heaven. He saw glorious things, and then returned to life. Even at his young age, he saw angels carrying swords ready to defeat any attack by the demons.
- Missionaries H. A. Baker and his wife established an orphanage for homeless boys in China in the 1940s. The boys began to have visions of heaven, and they were taught about the kingdom of God from heaven itself.
 - It was obvious by watching and listening to these boys that there are two kingdoms—God's kingdom and the demonic kingdom.
 - Not long after the visions began, all Christian missionaries were removed from China, but God had prepared these boys to lead the underground church in China.

Additional scriptures: Revelation 12:12; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2, 6:12; 2 Peter 3:8; Revelation 1:18; Romans 5:17

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Don't be afraid of the enemy. Simply use your spiritual weapon of the Name of Jesus to cast every demon out of your home, family, school, job and life!

Write your daily confession of what you will say to defeat the devil.



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DAY 5 – ENFORCING JESUS' VICTORY OVER DEMONIC SPIRITS

Jesus won the victory over the devil and demonic spirits when He was raised from the dead. Warfare indicates there is an enemy. Billye Brim tells about when her son Chip was in college and was attacked by the enemy. He and his roommates used spiritual authority to defeat the attack.

STUDY IT

- I. Jesus won the victory over the devil and demonic spirits when He was raised from the dead.
 - Now, He has given the victory to us. He gave us authority, but we must take it and exercise it.
 - Jesus destroyed the authority of the kingdom of darkness and has moved us to the Kingdom of light. He has given us authority (Colossians 1:12-13).

- II. Warfare indicates there is an enemy.
 - The government of demons is in the mid heavens (above the atmosphere) (2 Corinthians 12:2).
 - We contend with the demons in the earth and in the mid heavens.
 - Jesus defeated the devil, but demons are still trying to overcome God's creation.
 - Billye Brim talks about the boys in China who had visions and heard things in heaven. They were taught by the Holy Spirit, and it became evident through their visions that there are two distinct kingdoms—God's kingdom and the demonic kingdom.
 - You can overcome the kingdom of darkness with the authority and weapons God has given you (2 Corinthians 10:4).
 - We cannot usually see the demons and demonic activity with our natural eyes.
 - There are many demons working on the earth all the time, but we don't see them.
 - Don't be afraid—there are plenty of angels working to protect you.



III. Billye Brim tells about when her son Chip was in college and was attacked by the enemy.

- Chip shared a mobile home with three other college students who were macho, sports guys. The guys were having experiences with weird sounds, slamming doors and kitchen appliances starting when no one was there.
 - One night they all saw some kind of demonic form. They were scared and called Billye Brim on the phone for help. She told them they were dealing with low-level demons. She told the two Christian guys to get on their knees and repent for their sins. The other two were not Christians, and she led those two to the Lord while they were all on the phone.
 - Sister Brim told them they had authority over the demons, even if they had just been born again.
 - She instructed them to get some oil and apply it to every door and window. The oil symbolizes the blood of Jesus, and the doors and windows symbolize entry to the house.
 - The guys declared, "In the Name of Jesus, I apply the blood of Jesus on these windows and doors." All demonic activity stopped and did not return.
- We have been given authority over demons (Mark 16:17). Don't be afraid and don't fear. Take authority over them. Cast them out in the Name of Jesus Christ. Don't allow them in your house or around your children. Don't permit it!
- Don't ask God to do something about the devil. We have authority given by God over the devil.
- We are to resist the devil, and God promises he will flee from us (James 4:7).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

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