

The Weapons of Our Warfare Part 1

THE DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD

FOUNDATIONS

1. The Enemy has FIERY DARTS (Eph 6:12-13,16).

PRIMARY WAYS the Enemy Attacks

- i. Making us feel God's LET YOU DOWN
- ii. Temptation to OPPOSE / RESIST God
- iii. Feeding our fleshly emotional WEAKNESSES until we GIVE IN to them
- iv. Then assaulting us with the drip-drip of SHAME
- v. Making us so BUSY with good intentions we become WEARY & VULNERABLE
- vi. Relational BREAKDOWN
- vii. ISOLATION
- viii. Feeding FEAR
- ix. Pummelling us with WORLDLINESS
- x. SICKNESS

→ With which of those 'fiery darts' do you personally feel the enemy most often tries to attack you? Why do you think that is?

→ How does recognising these things as attacks change the way you respond to them?

→ Why is the Word the best weapon with which to attack each of these?

2. If you don't understand you're in a FIGHT, you won't go to WAR (1 Tim 6:12).

→ Why do you think many believers don't realise they're in a spiritual battle?

→ Can you think of a time you 'fought' spiritually rather than passively endured? What changed when you engaged the fight?

3. When I read my Bible, it tells me I'm on the VICTORY SIDE (1 Cor 15:57, 1 John 4:4, 5:4).

- * Not desperately crawling towards the odd TOKEN WIN, but standing on the VICTORY side of the CROSS.

→ In what ways does knowing you're on the victory side change the way you face trials? How do you keep the awareness of victory at the forefront?

→ Do you find it easier to believe in victory for others than for yourself and if so, why do you think that is?

4. Jesus has left us FULLY ARMED (2 Cor 10:3-5).

- * For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine POWER to DESTROY STRONGHOLDS.

→ What does it mean to you that the Word is living, active & Spirit-charged?

→ Jesus overcame every attack by speaking the Word. Where do you need to start speaking the Word more intentionally in your own life?

→ Share a Scripture that has recently strengthened you, challenged you or kept you standing.

The DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD (Eph 6:17, Heb 4:12, Jer 23:2, 2 Tim 3:16, John 6:63, Prov 4:20-22, Isa 55:11, Jer 1:12)

- * Every time you SPEAK God's WORD, you RELEASE the raw POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT.
- * Every time Satan threw something at Jesus, he DREW His SWORD & swatted it away.

How Do We Unleash the Power of this Mighty Weapon?

A. We must KNOW the Word

B. Must PRAY the Word

C. And DO the Word

Do you KNOW you have a Sword? (John 8:32, Hos 4:6)

- * REVELATION knowledge, not just HEAD knowledge.

- * Get DEEP into the Word so the Word can get DEEP into you. So deep, nothing or nobody, however loud or intimidating can DIG IT OUT.

→ The difference between head knowledge & revelation knowledge is huge. What helps Scripture move from information to transformation for you?

→ Are there ways God is calling you to go deeper in His Word this season?

PRAYING the Word

- * It only becomes a double-edged sword when it COMES OUT OF YOUR MOUTH (Isa 55:11, Rev 1:14-16, Prov 18:21, Mk 11:23).

- * Our prayers become POWERFUL when they're ARMED with WORD & PROMISE (2 Cor 10:4).

- * This is how you pray: Take your SWORD out of its SHEATH & let it rip. Grab those PROMISES, throw them straight at your PROBLEMS & let the ANOINTING, AUTHORITY & POWER of God do the rest.

→ What happens when we pray from the Word instead of just praying from need or emotion?

→ How would your prayer life change if you armed every prayer with a promise?

→ What promise from Scripture do you need to start throwing at your challenges this week?