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**Mark 16:20 - *20****Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs* *that accompanied it.*

Point of reference for victory in spiritual warfare

**Matthew 28:16-20** - **16**Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. **17**When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. **18**Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19**Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20**and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

REASONS FOR TEACHING SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Biblical reality

Massive neglect

Defeat of so many/fear

Prophetic Picture

**Ephesians 6: 10-17** - **10**Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11**Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. **12**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. **13**Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. **14**Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, **15**and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. **16**In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. **17**Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**1 John 4: 1-6** - Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. **2**This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, **3**but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

**4**You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. **5**They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. **6**We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20John+4&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30610a)] of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

Phil 1:6 - being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

**James 4:7-10** - **7**Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8**Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **9**Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. **10**Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

**2 Cor 4:4** - **4**The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

**1 Col 1: 9-14** - **9**For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+1&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29475e)] **10**so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, **11**being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, **12**and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+1&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29478f)] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. **13**For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, **14**in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Romans 1: 18-23** - **18**The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, **19**since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. **20**For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

**21**For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22**Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools **23**and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Luke 8:9 – 15 - **9**His disciples asked him what this parable meant. **10**He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, “‘though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.’[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25256a)] **11**“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. **12**Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. **13**Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. **14**The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. **15**But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

**Romans 10: 14-17** - **14**How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? **15**And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28204g)] **16**But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?”[[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28205h)] **17**Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

**Romans 1:16-17** - **16**For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. **17**For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+1&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-27948e" \o "See footnote e)] just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+1&version=NIV#fen-NIV-27948f)]

**Luke 10: 17-20** - **17**The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

**18**He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. **19**I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. **20**However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

**2 Cor 2: 5-11** - **5**If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. **6**The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. **7**Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. **8**I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. **9**Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. **10**Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, **11**in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

**1 Peter 5:7-8** -  **7**Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

**8**Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Hebrews 2: 14-15 - **14**Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— **15**and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

1 John 3: 7-10 - **7**Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. **8**The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work. **9**No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. **10**This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God’s child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

1 John 2:12-14 - I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. **13**I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. **14**I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father.  
I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Romans 8:1-8 - Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, **2**because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28119a)] free from the law of sin and death. **3**For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28120b)] God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28120c)] And so he condemned sin in the flesh, **4**in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

**5**Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. **6**The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. **7**The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. **8**Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

Ezekiel 28: 11 – 19 - **11**The word of the Lord came to me: **12**“Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says:

“‘You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. **13**You were in Eden, the garden of God;  
every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald,  
    topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezekiel%2028&version=NIV#fen-NIV-21171b)]  
Your settings and mountings[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezekiel%2028&version=NIV#fen-NIV-21171c)] were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. **14**You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you.  
You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.  
**15**You were blameless in your ways  
    from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.  
**16**Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence,  
    and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. **17**Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings. **18**By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. **19**All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.’”

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Genesis 2: 15-17 - **15**The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. **16**And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; **17**but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Matthew 4: 1-11 - Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+4&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23211a)] by the devil. **2**After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. **3**The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” **4**Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+4&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23214b)]” **5**Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. **6**“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+4&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23216c)]” **7**Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+4&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23217d)]” **8**Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. **9**“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” **10**Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+4&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23220e)]” **11**Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Genesis 3: 1-7 - Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” **2**The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **3**but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” **4**“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. **5**“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **6**When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. **7**Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

2 Cor 11:1-4 - I hope you will put up with me in a little foolishness. Yes, please put up with me! **2**I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. **3**But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. **4**For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.