

## Spiritual Warfare a Reality

Opening statements: You recognize areas (an area) where God is bringing conviction for disobedience so you decide to step up...BAM! An instant attack, the enemy uses many tactics emotional, relational, circumstantial (an instantaneous run of bad/frustrating circumstances).

Use book of Acts examples; chap. 2 and 3 describe revival, chapter 4 is persecution. Acts 16

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Note: I have observed and learned many things over the years as a pastor; one thing I have noted is that some people who have been involved in witchcraft, sorcery or the occult and get saved seem to glorify the enemy. In some of my observations these baby Christians (call any Christian that does not have a good study habit of the Holy Bible a baby) lacking scriptural truth and balance, they tantalize Christians with their knowledge of the occult and spiritual experiences. Hosea 4:6

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The result being that other immature (lack of knowledge) Christians then fear the enemy, lack truth and have a skewed view of God and life.

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Where as a person (five fold minister) Bible knowledgeable - Holy Spirit filled will always balance teaching with the sovereignty of God and verses that remind us satan is "a created being" under Divine sentence, only allowed to exist for a little longer to accomplish God's purpose.

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Referring back to my opening scenario this battle is not only allowed by God but is used by God as a training instrument (knowing this helps me keep my heart and thoughts right) Reference Rom. 8:28

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Each temptation tests my love and commitment for Jesus Christ. John 14:15

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It can be used to hone obedience. In a sort of spiritual economy, I must secure victory in this area in order to advance (this is an over simplification of spiritual warfare) then from a position of being cleansed by the Blood of Jesus and victorious in Christ is can now dominate and pray effectively. Yea!! James 5:16

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List your spiritual warfare verses.

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