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## **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

HOW TO FIGHT WELL AND HAVE VICTORY  
BY FIGHTING AND TRUSTING IN JESUS

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### **ISAIAH 66:2**

Declares the Lord, “This is the one I esteem:  
He who is humble and contrite in spirit;  
And trembles at My word.”

### **SPIRITUAL WARRIORS**

All physical battles in this fallen world begin in the spiritual plane against evil because of sin. If we do not understand this, we will never get off the path to hell and mature spiritually. We cannot avoid this fight and must learn to be spiritual warriors, or we become the walking wounded in our body, mind and spirit.

#### *FIRST BIG BATTLE*

Humans are all in spiritual warfare from the moment life begins at conception. The first big battle here is surviving to adulthood and getting prepared for the next battle.

Sometimes, we do not win this first battle and die. But if we die before an age of accountability or never obtain the ability to understand the choice in the second battle, then we have a sure ticket to heaven.

#### *SECOND BIG BATTLE*

We are all spiritual beings with free will in a physical body to experience life on earth with the option to choose a relationship with God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. This Trinity relationship can happen by asking Jesus sincerely in prayer anywhere at anytime.

If we have this personal relationship, then the second big battle is won, and we become God’s children. And we know from the Bible in Romans 8:28 that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Without this supernatural help, we will never be winners. Jesus said in John 14:6 that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus is the only Way to the Father, the only Truth on how to be winners and the only provider of eternal Life in heaven.

### THIRD BIG BATTLE

After becoming real Christians by repenting of our sins and sincerely accepting Jesus Christ as the Savior and Lord of our life, the third big battle starts, which is about change. Pray for help!

We must not follow the world and our own selfishness, but become Christ like and Jesus' disciples. We must know and understand the Bible, our guidebook to life under the teaching of the Holy Spirit. This battle of our mind means we must discern different thoughts and reject evil. This fight for holiness is hard if we suffer from the consequences of disobedience.

Jesus said in John 14:21 that when we follow His commandments, He will manifest Himself to us.

His commandments are to love God first, which includes Jesus, by obeying Him as Lord of our life and then we must love all others.

In Luke 14, Jesus talks about the sacrifices we must make as His disciples. We must want to be like Him and give up everything. If we don't, then we are of no use. Most Christians lose this battle and do not go any further.

### FOURTH BIG BATTLE

Now we have really come up on Satan's radar and he wants to stop us. Our sacrifice and obedience for Jesus are a threat to the devil.

But if we are Christ like, the devil can't stop us but he will cause trouble, so we need to pray continuously, even if we are tested like Job. The fourth big battle is when we are doing God's will in the ministry He has for us. To do this, we must seek His direction in the 35,000 decisions we make every day.

To be open to holy direction, we must be humble, fearless, calm, loving, repentant, forgiving, kind, in reality, obedient, patient, self-controlled and faithful. With this attitude and close relationship with the Lord, we will experience a life full of miracles.

God's direction will agree with His Word and convey love, assurance, truth, wisdom, correction, action or usefulness with a spiritual purpose in agreement with our hearts and for the greater spiritual good of all to build His Kingdom for His Glory.

We must be aware of the spiritual world and pay close attention to what is going on here. Demons will plant fear, discourage, hinder us, push evil, etc.

### *POWER PRAYERS*

To give our prayers power, we must be Jesus' disciples, which means led and taught by the Holy Spirit into all righteousness to be mighty warriors.

The Bible tells us in Ephesians 6:11-17 to put on the full armor of God, so we can stand against the wiles of the devil. We do not wrestle against people, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Pray to know this spiritual realm!

We must have the whole armor of God, so we can withstand evil and not give up. We stand with the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, our feet shod ready in the gospel of peace, a shield of faith to quench the fiery darts of the wicked one, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Bible. Our prayers, fearlessness, obedience and holy love are more great weapons.

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### ***My Daily Prayers Include:***

Worship, praise, adoration, thankfulness, forgiveness, repentance, guidance, intercession, listening, being in God's will, miracles, Scripture, supplication, protection, correction, confirmation and patience to wait on the Lord.