

Spiritual Warfare is Real

Ephesians 6:10-20

1. We have a Real _____, vs. 11-12.

“Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

A. An _____ Enemy---our _____

“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.” (Ephesians 2:1–3)

“For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate. But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good. So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the



*law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am!
Who will set me free from the body of this death?”
(Romans 7:14–24)*

B. An _____ Enemy--the _____

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“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.” (1 John 2:15–17)

C. An _____ Enemy--the _____

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“You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” (John 8:44)

“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same



experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.” (1 Peter 5:8–9)

2. We are in a Real _____, vs. 12.

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.” (2 Corinthians 10:3–6)

3. We Can Have Real _____.

A. _____ on _____ Victory over Satan, the world, the flesh and death.

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.” (Ephesians 6:10)

“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

“But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.” (2 Corinthians 2:14)

“But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing,



will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:37–39)

“The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.” (1 John 3:8b)

B. _____ our Victor’s _____.

- Put on the whole armor of God
- Stand and withstand against the enemy
- Take to the offensive through prayer

My Response:

- I will seek to discern when I am under attack and when I am being disciplined for disobedience and sin.
- I will hide God’s word in my heart that I might use it skillfully to fight off the attacks of the flesh, world and devil.
- I will learn how to put on the whole armor of God that I may be able to stand and withstand the attacks of the enemy.
- I will seek to learn how to take back ground the enemy has gained through prayer.

Answers: Enemy, Internal, Flesh, External, World, Infernal, Devil, War, Victory, Relying, Jesus’, Following, Orders.