

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. — 1 John 3:8-9 KJV

Spiritual Warfare

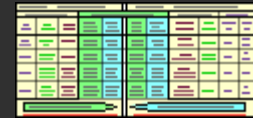
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Christ-centered, Battle-focused, & Team-oriented

- In Christian doctrine, **spiritual warfare** teachings should not be separated from the Christ-given mission to make disciples of all nations. Every aspect of modern culture is engaged in the midst of a [spiritual battle](#) with the eternal souls of all humanity hanging in the balance. Christianity is not about merely securing a place in heaven after death, but redeeming this lifetime by yielding our lives to the work of Jesus Christ continued in us and through us in our generation. Our enemy, the devil, fights against us doing so every moment.
- The term [battle focus](#) refers to a concept used in the [US Army](#) to determine peacetime training requirements based on wartime missions. Most popular *spiritual warfare* books focus on the individual Christian's personal struggle with the weaknesses of his own flesh and his egocentric spiritual battle against demons, and promises deliverance from the weariness of the conflict. That is in stark contrast to the training a soldier receives in our nation's armed forces. Although each individual soldier must be trained to survive on a battlefield, the vast majority of his training concerns accomplishing the **mission**, defeating an enemy, by fighting as a member of a **team** under the orders of his chain of command.

Spiritual Warfare Chart



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Spiritual Warfare Battle Tracking Matrix

Satan, our enemy — working amidst the world			God, our Father — working through His Church							
The dark forces of this world			The visible battle on earth			The Church living in the world		God living in us		
Their Character	Their Mission	Their Weapons	Physical (Temporal) Effects (If Satan reigns)	Spiritual (Eternal) Results (If Satan reigns)	Physical (Temporal) Effects (As God reigns)	Spiritual (Eternal) Results (If God reigns)	Our Weapons	Our Mission	Jesus' Life In Us	Holy Spirit Power
Dark (Fallen light)	Dethrone God	Darkness	Rebellion Anarchy Violence Wickedness	Blindness Pride Faithlessness	Submission Order Peace Godliness	Sight/Faith Humility Trust	Light (Public Worship, Good Works)	Illumination	The Light	Convicts to Repentance
Deceitful	Destroy All Creation	Destruction	Decay Dis-ease Death	Despair Apathy Eternal Death	Restoration Healing Renewed Life	Joy Hope Eternal Life	Salt (Compassity Influence, Intercessory Prayer)	Restoration, Preservation	The Life	Seals & Comforts
Deceptive	Deceive the world and, if possible, the Elect	Deception (Distraction, Deflection, Dilution)	Oppression Excess Delusion	Bondage Empiness Folly	Freedom Contentment Discernment	Grace Abundance Wisdom	Truth (Preach the Word, Be Faithful, Contend for the Faith)	Revelation	The Truth	Teaches
Divisive	Divide the world and, especially, the Church	Division (Accusation, Slander)	Self-interest Prejudice Divorce Isolation	Fear Condemnation Severance	Self-sacrifice Acceptance Family Community	Respect Mercy Communion	Love (Neighborly Love, Brotherly Love, Christ-like Love)	Reconciliation	The Way	Guides & Helps
Dark forces — rule the temporal and seek to affect the eternal (fighting against the physical effects of God's eternal work) <i>The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...</i>			God's forces — create new spiritual life and seek to affect the physical world (fighting against the spiritual results, and physical effects, of Satan's rule) <i>...I have come that they may have life, and...have it more abundantly. — John 10:10</i>							

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- The Lord of Hosts won our eternal victory on the cross at Calvary, but He gave His Church the [mission](#) to take the fight to the gates of hell, and the [Gospel](#) to the ends of the earth... regardless of personal costs!

Scripture References

This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may **wage the good warfare**, having faith and a good conscience... ([1 Timothy 1:18-19](#) NKJV)

We are human, but **we don't wage war with human plans and methods**. We use [God's mighty weapons](#), not mere worldly weapons, to knock down the [Devil's strongholds](#)... break down every proud argument that keeps people from knowing God... conquer their rebellious ideas, and we teach them to obey Christ. ([2 Corinthians 10:3-5](#) NLT)

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, **commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also**. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. ([2 Timothy 2:1-4](#) NKJV)

Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord** and in the power of His might. Put on the **whole armor of God**, that you may be **able to stand** against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ([Ephesians 6:10-12](#) NKJV)

Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb** and **by the word of their testimony**, and they did not love their lives to the death. ([Revelation 12:10-11](#) NKJV)

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