

Warfare

“He 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. 1 Jn. 3:8

The Basics of Spiritual Warfare

1. Our Adversary – hates God and His Creation

Satan

{Rulers, Powers, & Forces of Wickedness}

Deception

{Satan’s primary weapon to harass or “demonize” humans}

- ie. “You can be God & make up your own rules”
 - “You don’t measure up”
 - “Other people will always let you down”
 - “You can sin and not pay a penalty”
- “You’ve messed up so bad, not even God can redeem your life”
 - “God has lost your file”
- “You need to vindicate yourself and take revenge”

Mankind

{We are God’s supreme creation, but we are susceptible to the world’s allure and the weakness of our flesh.}

2. The Result of Believing His Lies– Satan controls you w/ *grudges, guilt, & grief* *these 3 can make you sick - emotionally & physically – Ps. 32:1-7 (see back side for an example of how Satan can torment you)

3. A Biblical Prescription for Defeating the Evil One – James 4:7

- a. Humble yourself before God – “the only thing in life that matters is obeying God; obeying God is always in our best interest.”
(Jn. 14:21; 2 Cor. 5:9-10)
- b. Resist the devil – memorize and meditate upon God’s Word
Deliverance is often just an encounter with *the truth*.
(Ps. 119:9 & 11; Eph. 6:11-18)

“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.” 1 Jn. 4:4