

The Freedom of Truth

- Bless Children with Truth of who God is and them as children of God.
- Spiritual Warfare – Excited
- Two classical Spiritual Warfare verses

Declarative Warfare and the Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-19

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. “Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, “and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. “In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; “and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, “and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

Sometimes the gates of hell come against us -

Circumstances

Family

Finances

Spouse

Past

Job

Death

Temptation, Deception, and lies come one thought at a time

Who God is - Science

What God said - twisting scripture.

Who you are - If you are a child of God....

Shame

Deception

Fantasy

Lust

Lying - justification

Fierce Cognitive Warfare

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. “For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. “We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, “being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

Strategies of War

“The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.” —

“Victorious warriors win first and then go to war, while defeated warriors go to war first and then seek to win”

“If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.”

“Let your plans be dark and impenetrable as night, and when you move, fall like a thunderbolt.”

— [Sun Tzu](#), *The Art of War*

“Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.” — Napoleon Bonaparte

“Never open the door to a lesser evil, for other and greater ones invariably slink in after it.” —

[Baltasar Gracián](#), *The Art of Worldly Wisdom*

Know your enemy

1 Peter 5:6-8 ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

EXAMPLE OF COGNITIVE WARFARE

Ephesians 4:26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no **opportunity** to the devil.

Opportunity = 'topos' masculine noun - no root word

A Place in a book

A Place where someone lives

A place where something is hidden; it's sheath

A place or conditions where someone is held

A place or spot where someone can settle

LIES THAT I BELIEVED

- I have to do it myself
- I can't trust authority - They will mock me
- I can always do better.
- I'm not good enough.
- Comfort can only come from me.
- I'm responsible to care for myself
- I don't need prayer because intimacy has no purpose
- I'm not good enough
- The best most exciting and Satisfying life comes from breaking the rules

Satan will try and imprison you with a lie. A lie running free will fight against the truth in your mind.

John 8:31-32 The Truth Will Set You Free

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”