

Spiritual Warfare

The Armor of God (AOG)

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with **truth**, and having on the breastplate of **righteousness**;

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the **preparation of the gospel of peace**;

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of **faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of **salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word of God**:

Eph 6:18 **Praying always** with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

A. What is Spiritual Warfare (SW)?

- 1) SW is continuing to stand in faith against all the wiles (i.e. trickery, deceit) of the devil as we await the manifestation of the blessing for which we have prayed.
Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on Eph 6:10-11 the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- 2) SW is using the AOG to overcome every lying attack of satan.
For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh. 2 Co 10:3
- 3) SW is continuing in the Word despite any and all opposition.
This charge I commit unto thee that thou by them might war a good warfare. 1Ti 1:18
- 4) SW is believing God's promise until victory comes i.e. continuing to believe, speak and act as if God's promise is true (i.e. that you have received) until the manifestation of the prayer is received. Fight the good fight of faith. 1Ti 6:12
- 5) SW is being instant in season, always ready to counter the attacks of the enemy.
No man that wars entangles himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please 2Ti 2:4 him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.
Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly 1Pe 2:11 lusts, which war against the soul.

B. Obstacles to Standing in Faith (SIF)

- 1) Incorrect Praying which contradicts the essence of the Prayer of Faith (POF). Jam 4:3
 - a) Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, Mar 11:24 believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.
 - b) You have prayed the POF correctly if you believe that you received them when you prayed.
 - c) "Believing that you received" means that you have planted in your heart the Word of God concerning not only the promise of the blessing but also His promise that He will answer your prayers when you ask Matt 7:11
- 2) Lack of Knowledge
My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Hos 4:6
- 3) Lack of Understanding
When they have heard, Satan comes immediately, and takes away the word Mar 4:15 that was sown in their hearts.
When any one hears the word of the kingdom, and understands it not, Mat 13:19 then comes the wicked one, and catches away that which was sown in his heart.

- 4) Unbelief
And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief. Mat 13:58
And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, Mat 17:20
If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.
- 5) Other Major Hindrances
- a. Words
- Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Pro 4:23
 - Put away from thee a rebellious mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee Pro 4:24
 - Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Pro 18:21
 - For by thy words thou shall be justified, and by thy words thou shall be condemned Mat 12:37
- b. Actions
- Doubt in your heart cancels your prayers. Mark 11:23
 - Fear brings the devil on the scene. Job 3:25
 - Unforgiveness blocks your prayers. Mark 11:24,25
 - Lack of Love because faith works by love. Gal 5:6
- c. Canceling your prayer
- Your prayer is cancelled when anything or any person causes you to contradict by word or by action your faith that you believed that you received when you prayed.

C. Super-conquering

- 1) The Bible says that you are a super-conqueror.
Nay, in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through him that loved us. Rom 8:37 KJ
Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us. Rm 8:37 Amp
- 2) You can do all things through Christ Jesus, who strengthens you. Phil 4:13
- 3) God is your invincible army.
The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; Hab 3:19 Amp
He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]!
- 4) Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1Jn 4:4
- 5) You have authority in three worlds. Use it. Practice it till you are an expert.
- a) Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth. Php 2:9, 10
- b) And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.