

IDENTITY CRISIS
FINDING YOUR TRUE IDENTITY IN CHRIST
I AM FIGHTING
Ephesians 6:10-20

LESSON AIM-To educate believers of paradigms and principles of spiritual warfare. Also to expose the tactics, schemes, strategies that Satan uses against believers.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE-“Conflict being waged in the invisible, spiritual realm that is being manifested in the visible, physical realm.

THE IMPACT OF THE BATTLE-The battle in spiritual warfare is invisible, it effects the visible spiritual realm. You will see the effect in several areas.

- **OUR FAITH-**The first stop for the effects of the battle, is our personal lives. Our emotions and lifestyles can be a entry way for Satan. If Satan can seize our emotions, he can destroy our ability to function by crippling us emotionally or leading us into all manner of destructive and addictive behavior. **Gal 5:16-21**
 - ✓ **Addictions-**illegal drugs, legal drugs, alcohol, sexual, people, power
 - ✓ **Uncontrollable Emotions-**depression, anger, mutilation, controlling spirit
 - ✓ **Unholy Lifestyles-**fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, molestation
 - ✓ **Evil Actions-**jealousy, hatred, unforgiveness, selfishness, gossip, lies, cursing, murder

- **OUR FAMILY-**This battle also effects our families. The devil messed up the first family in the Garden of Eden, and he continues to attack our families. Eph 5:22-33, 6:1-4

- **OUR FELLOWSHIP-**Spiritual warfare also has an impact on church life. The church is being undermined in many places by people who allow the devil to use them. Matt 16:18
 - ✓ **False Teachers-1 Tim 4**
 - ✓ **Cliques-1 Cor 1:10-17**
 - ✓ **Mess Makers-Rom 16:17**

- **OUR FRONTDOOR-**Finally spiritual warfare effects our nation, and the culture we live in. Dan 10

THE ENEMY OF THE BATTLE

- ❖ **SATAN (LUCIFER, BEELZEBUB, DEVIL)-1 Pet 5:8**

THE REASON FOR THE BATTLE

- **Spiritual Warfare began with Lucifer’s rebellion against God. Eze 28, Isa 14**

METHOD OF ATTACK-GEN 3:1-7, MATT 4:1-11

- QUESTIONING OF HIS WORD-v.1b
- CHANGING OF HIS WORD-vv. 2-3
- CONTRADICT HIS WORD-v. 4

MODE OF ATTACK-2 COR 10:3-5

What does Satan mainly attack?

YOUR MIND-Satan not only knows where to get at us, but he knows how to get at us. His primary mode of attack is our mind.

How does he attack your mind?

FORTRESS or STRONGHOLD-“Is a mindset that holds you hostage. It makes a believer feel hopelessly locked into a situation. Individuals who have strongholds often will say I can’t, I can’t, I can’t. The only reason you say, “I can’t” is because Satan has made himself a home in your mind. Satan builds a place where he can operate, and he means for the fortress to be permanent.

How is Satan able to pull off influencing your mind?

FORMATION OF PARTITIONS- In verse 5 Paul states a phrase “lofty things”. That word literally means wall or partition. Satan raises up walls or partition in our mind so our minds can be divided. He wants us to be double minded. Matt 16:13-24, Jam 1:8

METHOD OF COUNTERATTACK

- ✓ TEARING DOWN FORTRESSES
- ✓ DESTROYING PARTITIONS
- ✓ TAKING OUR THOUGHTS CAPTIVE
- ✓ GO TO GOD-Jam 1:5-8
- ✓ GO TO THE ROOT-Ps 51
- ✓ LOOK AT SIN GOD’S WAY
- ✓ PRACTICE WARFARE PRAYING