

## NOT WITHOUT A FIGHT “WARFARE PRAYER”

**WARFARE PRAYER**-Focusing biblical truths through prayer against the schemes and deceptions of the enemy.

### WHY WARFARE PRAYER?

- ◆ **Increased Overt of Satanic Activity**
- ◆ **The Last Days-1 Timothy 4:1**
- ◆ **Sin Abounds**-A society that is deeply affected by sexual sins, drugs, alcoholism, sorcery, and witchcraft, is a society that will see much open and obvious activity.
- ◆ **Christians Controlled by Strongholds & Bondages**
  - An area of sin that has become a part of our lifestyles. A stronghold is a darkness in your thinking. It involves a recurring, compulsive thought pattern.
  - According to 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, a stronghold is anything that exalts itself in our mind “pretending” to be bigger or more powerful than God.
- ◆ **The Church**-Satan also attacks the church. He attacks her with discord, division, false doctrine, false teachers etc.

### THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH

The church has a ministry of not only winning people to Christ, but of dealing with all kinds of people, wherever they are spiritually. We combat Satan to rescue people from his bondage and free them to become the men and women God wants them to be. But the church has recoiled from such warfare, because of our lack of faith.

### WHAT ARE OUR WEAPONS?

- ◆ **THE WORD OF GOD**-The word of God is our main weapon when it comes to spiritual warfare and warfare prayer. The Bible is the anchor of our faith and the source of our authority.
- ◆ **PRAISE**-The believer’s praise to God is also a weapon.
- ◆ **PRAYER**-Petitioning to God and interceding for others is a weapon.

### WHAT ARE THE NATURE OF OUR WEAPONS?-2 Corinthians 10:4-6

- They are not the weapons of the world.
- They have divine power.
- They are associated with “the knowledge of God”.
- Their purpose in warfare is to take our thoughts captive.

## WHAT IS PRAYER?

- Prayer is our means of communication with God.
- Prayer is the means by which we can know God and His will for our lives.
- Prayer is the means where gain spiritual power.

## WHY DON'T PEOPLE PRAY?

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**Pride keeps us from praying because it overestimates the power of self.** Pride is the most deceitful sin of all. Pride is so dangerous because it masks a multitude of sins. Pride leads you to think more of yourself than you do of God. Your enemy Satan wants you to believe you can make it without God. But the result will be prayerlessness and spiritual defeat. **Proverbs 29:23, Proverbs 11:2**

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**Unbelief underestimates the power of God.** Even though we know about God's ability, we are just not certain that He is willing to intervene in our situation.

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**Ignorance overestimates the difficulty of talking to God.** God is not difficult to talk to in prayer. He is not interested in your words! He is interested in your heart!

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**Time underestimates the value of being with God.** Time with God is essential for life. Whenever you do not take the time to pray, you have a problem with your values.

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**Discipline underestimates the sacrifice of being with God.** Discipline is paramount for developing a consistent prayer life. Spiritual discipline is to the inner spirit what physical conditioning is to the body. **1 Tim 4:7-8**

## FOUR KEYS TO VICTORY OVER SATAN-EPHESIANS 6:10-18

### ⇒ THE BELIEVER'S UNION IN CHRIST

Our strength and assurance of victory center on our being "in the Lord." Our inseparable bond to all of His person and work assures us of being nothing but winners!

### ⇒ THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

It is through the Holy Spirit that we experience "the power of His might".

### ⇒ THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

The third key is supplying of the whole armor of God for both protection and projection.

### ⇒ THE ALLNESS OF PRAYER

The practice of prayer is essential to putting on one's armor.