NOT WITHOUT A FIGHT

WARFARE PRAYING

"PRAYING VICTORIOUSLY"

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

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

\Rightarrow THE BELIEVER'S UNION IN CHRIST

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

\Rightarrow THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

It is through the Holy Spirit that we experience "the power of His might". Acts 1:8

\Rightarrow THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

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

\Rightarrow THE ALLNESS OF PRAYER

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

WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD- EPHESIANS 6:10-20

- LOINS GIRDED WITH TRUTH-This means more than just reading the word; we must understand exactly what it says and who it says we are. We must understand our position in Christ.
- **THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS-**This doesn't mean righteous acts. Instead, it means we are to accept God's gift of righteousness (Rom 5:17). We already been made the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Cor 5:21).
- THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE-Soldiers needed to wear sandals or boots so they could advance toward the enemy undistracted about what they might step on; this gear was essential to their "preparation" for battle. Paul takes the image especially from the herald of Isaiah 52:7 who announces good news: sharing the message of Christ advances God's army against the enemy's position.
- **THE SHIELD OF FAITH-**With this piece of armor we are to quench Satan's fiery darts. Our emotions are often Satan's doorways into our minds. By faith we must stop him at the door.
- **THE HELMET OF SALVATION-**This means that we must have the Holy Spirit living inside of us. The helmet covers and protects the mind. This is also the work of the Holy Spirit.

DEMONIC ACTIVITY

WHAT IS A DEMON?-A fallen angel who followed Satan after his rebellion Isa 14:12-21

THE NATURE OF DEMONS

***** DEMONS ARE <u>PERSONAL</u> BEINGS- Luke 8:26-39

- Intellect v. 28-They recognized Jesus
- Emotion v. 28-They begged Jesus not to torment them
- Will vv. 32-33-The express desire to enter a herd of pigs
- ***** DEMONS ARE <u>SPIRIT</u> BEINGS Eph 6:12, Luke 11:14-26
- ***** DEMONS ARE <u>POWERFUL</u> BEINGS-Luke 8
- ***** DEMONS ARE <u>PERVERTED</u> BEINGS-1 Tim 4:1

THE TARGET OF DEMONS

- Individuals-1 Pet 5:8
- Family-Gen 2-3
- * Church-1 Cor 1:10-17
- Society-Dan 10

THE MISSION OF DEMONS

* HIGHLIGHT SATAN'S DOCTRINE-1 Tim 4:1-5

* HIGHLIGHT SATAN'S DESTRUCTIVENESS-John 10:10

- Muteness (Mat 9:32)
- Deafness (Mk 9:25)
- o Blindness (Mat 12:22, John 10:21)
- Convulsions (Mk 1:26)
- Superhuman strength (Mk 5:4)
- Self destruction behavior (Mk 5:5)
- Mental instability (Matt 17:14-18)
- Unnatural voice (Mk 5:7)

* HIGHLIGHT SATAN'S DESTRACTIONS-Lev 19:31, Duet 4:19, Isa 47:13

- Psychic Hotlines
- Astrologers