

CHAPTER FOUR

# SPIRITUAL WARFARE

To discover and apply the truth of God's Word is to enter the field of spiritual warfare. A battle rages over the hearts and minds of men. But growth comes with conflicts, and God has promised that "in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us" (Romans 8:37).

## THE BATTLE

1. How is the Christian life described by the apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:12?  
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2. Read 2 Timothy 2:3-4. How would you describe the kind of life Paul wrote about?  
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## KNOW YOUR ENEMY

Knowing the enemy is as important for a Christian as for a military commander—both are engaged in a battle.

3. In Revelation 12:9-10 what names are given to the enemy?  
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What does he do?  
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4. In the last instance where Satan's name is recorded in Scripture (Revelation 20:7-10), what happens to him?  
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5. How did Satan discredit God's Word when he deceived Eve? *Genesis 3:1-5*  
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Satan makes it his continual business to cast doubt on God's Word and to discredit God's Son.

6. What can be learned about Satan in the following verses?  
*Luke 8:12* \_\_\_\_\_  
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*John 8:44* \_\_\_\_\_  
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*2 Corinthians 4:3-4* \_\_\_\_\_  
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*2 Corinthians 11:3* \_\_\_\_\_  
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*2 Corinthians 11:14* \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Read the account of Christ's confrontation with Satan in Luke 4:1-13.

a. What was Jesus' physical condition when the Devil appeared?

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b. What desires did Satan appeal to in the three temptations?

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8. Write out 1 Peter 5:8-9 in your own words.

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### THE CONFLICT WITH SIN

9. How do the following verses describe sin?

*Isaiah 1:2* \_\_\_\_\_

*Romans 14:23* \_\_\_\_\_

*1 John 3:4* \_\_\_\_\_

10. Sin is breaking God's Law. Expand on this definition after looking at Jesus' summary of the Law in Matthew 22:37-40.

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11. Read James 4:1-4.

a. Where does hostility originate? *Verses 1-3*

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b. What competes with your devotion to God? *Verse 4*

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c. Does this passage help explain any conflicts you have? If so, explain.

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12. What characterizes the world? *Ephesians 2:2-3*

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13. Paul taught that to avoid conformity to the world, we must be renewed in mind (Romans 12:2). Compare this statement with Philippians 4:8, and write a short paragraph on what it means to be renewed in your mind.

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14. What is promised to the man who successfully endures temptation? *James 1:12*

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*“Some say, ‘I have my faults, but at the bottom I have a good heart.’ Alas! It is this that deceives you, for your heart is the worst part of you.”*

—CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON

### THE ASSURANCE OF VICTORY

15. According to Hebrews 2:14-15, what did Christ’s death on the cross mean for Satan?

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What did it mean for men?

16. What is the basis for victory from the following verses?

1 *John* 2:14 \_\_\_\_\_

1 *John* 4:4 \_\_\_\_\_

1 *John* 5:4-5 \_\_\_\_\_

17. Write out 1 Corinthians 15:57 in your own words as a personal prayer. Take a moment to thank God for your assurance of daily victory in Jesus Christ.

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### DAILY VICTORY

18. From Revelation 12:11, list three factors that give victory over Satan. Why do you think each one is important?

FACTOR FOR VICTORY	WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

19. From Ephesians 6:14-18, list the equipment of the spiritual warrior. What practical steps will enable you to use these items in daily life?

EQUIPMENT	PRACTICAL STEPS

Which of these items do you believe is most lacking in your life?

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What do you believe you should do about it?

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**20.** What can you do each day to enjoy victory over sin?

*Psalms 86:3* \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalms 96:2* \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalms 119:97* \_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 9:23* \_\_\_\_\_

*Hebrews 3:13* \_\_\_\_\_

**21.** What should you do when you have sinned? *Psalms 32:5*

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**22.** Read *Psalms 103:9-12*. Describe God's attitude toward all the sins you have committed.

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**Remember These Points**

Review the chapter subtopics and use them as an outline to write your own summary of the chapter.

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