

#8 How To Become An Expert In Spiritual Warfare

We have been sharing with you some very important messages in the last two weeks. We have talked about the enemy works against you, we have also talked about how to conquer his attacks that would come against us, we also talked about spiritual warfare we introduced this, and mentioned about how the principles are necessary to enter into spiritual warfare, we have seen how the Lord will fight our battles for us, we have seen how you and I are brought into a position of authority, we have given the weapons of warfare that are mighty through God that will pull down every stronghold, that will destroy all the works of the enemy, and we have seen the fact that we have the operation of authority to put into operation in our life through the different means, binding, loosing, casting down, casting out, remitting of sins, resisting the enemy, speak the mountain using the authority that has been given unto us specifically in the areas that we need to use it in by speaking specifically doing what the word says. Today we are going to talk about the subject of becoming an "Expert In Spiritual Warfare" God wants you to become an expert, how to become an expert in spiritual warfare. The scriptures speak about us becoming an expert in war, and he wants you to get on the track to become that. You might say, I am just beginning in this. Well, if you start doing what the scriptures say, God will raise you up to become an expert in war. If you do not you will just continue to just kind of do things the way we have been doing things forever, and not rise up, and see us get the victory in our life.

#1 War A Good Warfare

1Tim 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; (You and I are called to war a good warfare. It is a good warfare. What kind of a warfare is it? It is a spiritual warfare against spiritual enemies. Remember we do not war against flesh, and blood. What is our warfare against? It is against the evil spirits that are operative whether they are operative in the heavenlies or whether they are operative in the earth carrying out destructive work against us or against others. So we must understand that you are going to war a good warfare which means we have to get a warfare mentality about us. You cannot just think that I will get into war whenever I might need to. No, you are in a war now a spiritual war against enemies in your life, and you must war a good warfare, and get a spiritual warfare mentality about you)

#2 Be Humble

2Sam 22:35-36 He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. 36. Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness (The word "Gentleness" is not a good translation it really means "Humility or being bowed down or a lowliness". Young's has corrected this, it refers to a humility or a lowliness) Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and Thy lowliness maketh me (Or humility has made me) great. (God wants you to be taught the ways of warfare, and you are also to be humble, and submissive you know, the greatest is going to be the one who is humble, and a servant of all. God wants us to humble

ourselves as a little child. You and I are going to be taught, and are going to be humble before the Lord. Also we have to get trained. You are going to get trained because you are going to be a doer that you hear)

#3 Be Taught To War

1Chr 5:18 The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, were four and forty thousand seven hundred and threescore, that went out to the war. (It was not just a few it was the whole group. You see time after time all of these were trained up in war thousand, and thousands of them in each tribe, and it says they were skillful. This particular word referred to "One who had been learned". How do you learn? You would be taught, and you would apply it. You are taught something, and you do it. You are trained in something as you are a hearer, and a doer of it, and working it in your life)

#4 Prepare For War

Joel 3:9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, (It is time to prepare for war, when it talks "Preparing war" this actually means "To be set apart as dedicated" which is something that is scared unto God as it refers to because this particular word is "Kaw-dash" in the Hebrew, and depends on what particular tense or mood it is in. This happens to be in the Piel mood which is to "Be set apart as sacred, and to be dedicated, and consecrated". God wants us to be dedicated, consecrated, and set apart for war. And he says) wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: (God is raising you and I up to be men, and women of war, spiritual war. He wants us to wake up, and get prepared. So we have to get taught, we have to get trained, we have to be prepared, we have to be sure we are humble, and submissive to the Lord. If you are going to become an expert in war you must understand that you have to rely on your covenant relationship with God. 1 Samuel 17:26 this is speaking about David, and Goliath remember Goliath came, and he was defying the armies of the living God)

#5 Rely On The Covenant

1Sam 17:26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? (You have to understand you and I are in the army of the Lord, and do not let the devil come against you, and back you down from being in the army of the Lord. You and I have a covenant with God, What was the key statement?) who is this uncircumcised Philistine, (What does the mean? that means he did not have a covenant with God, David had a covenant with God, you have a covenant with God, and the covenant declares that if you do such-and-such, I will do such-and-such. We see it throughout the word of God. When you and I meet the conditions of doing what he commands then God is going to perform his word in your life. He always watches over his word to perform it, and the covenant promises are sure, and steadfast, you must rely on your covenant, and know

that God is going to perform covenant relationship with you, because you are in covenant with him he will carry out his word. Your job is to do what he has commanded you to do. Another point if you are going to become an expert in war as we see over in Numbers 13:30 when they had gone out, and they inspected the land, and they came back, and found the fruit of the land the twelve spies, ten of them brought back and evil report, two of them brought back a good report. The ten that brought back the evil report they got their eyes off the Lord, Caleb was one who of course who had his eyes on the Lord)

#6 Keep Your Eyes On God

Num 13:30-33 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. (Why were they able to overcome it? because God was going to fight their battle, and as they did what God told them to do they would be able to prevail against their enemies) 31. But the men that went up with him (This is the other ten) said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. (Now why would they say they were not able to go up against the people? Look what they say) for they are stronger than we. (Who were their eyes upon? They, who was who? The enemies. Did they have their eyes on the Lord? No, they) 32. And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. (Their eyes were upon the enemies instead of their eyes upon the Lord) 33. And there we saw the giants, (They were moved by their senses) the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: (And notice) and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight. (That tells you two things. They were looking at the enemy, and they also were looking at themselves. You cannot look at yourself, and think that you are going to be able to get the victory yourself. How are you going to get the victory? God is going to give you the victory. He is going to operate through you, at the same time do not get your eyes on yourself, keep your eyes on the Lord. What happened? They began to see themselves even as grasshoppers not able to overcome, but if your eyes are on the Lord, and you know what God will do for you, you know that you are able to conquer your enemies. So if you are going to become an expert in war, you cannot get your eyes off the Lord. You get your eyes off the Lord then you will give place to the enemy, and you cannot have your eyes on yourself as well. Another principle that is very important if you are going to become an expert in war is you must fully follow the Lord. We cannot half-heartedly follow him, you are never going to get the victory if you walk in the flesh, you walk in sin, you give place to him. How are you going to see God bring forth victory in our life)

#7 Follow God Fully

Num 14:24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, (Notice that, what a great testimony) followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. (You and I are going to follow the Lord fully, we are not going to follow our own ways, that means we are going to deny ourselves. Remember

what Jesus said. Who are the ones that are able to follow the Lord? just because you are born again, and you think that I can just follow the Lord however I want. No, it is quite a statement that Jesus made in Luke 9:23)

#8 Deny Yourself

Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, (That is someone who seeks to follow him) **let him deny himself,** (What is the first thing we have to do? Deny our self) **and take up his cross daily,** (Which is to crucify the flesh) **and follow me.** (We must meet the prerequisites, and we must follow the Lord fully, and we cannot be having our agenda upon what we want. Another point that is important if we are going to become an expert in war is you are going to have to get spiritually strong. Without spiritual strength you will not prevail over your enemies. In Joshua 1:6 in giving them instruction as they were were going to be going into possess the land he said)

#9 Be Spiritually Strong

Josh 1:6-9 Be strong and of a good courage: (You are to be strong, and have a good courage) **7. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.** (God wants us to prosper, and be successful in all that we do in life, but we must be strong, and courageous because we have to deal with the enemies, the spiritual enemies which are the evil spirits arrayed against us) **8. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth;** (The word is to be in your mouth) **but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. 9. Have not I commanded thee?** (This is not a suggestion this is a command) **Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.** (You and I must be strong, and we must be courageous)

#10 Be Brave

1Coe 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, (This phrase) **quit you like men,** (Is actually one Greek word and it means "To be brave" you are to be or like a man is supposed to be brave. God wants you to be brave, to be courageous. You are going to be strong, courageous, and brave to take on your enemies) **be strong.**

#11 Be Courageous

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world (Which we are in, we are not of the world but we are in it) **ye shall have tribulation:** (Which is pressure) **but be of good cheer;** (The word "Good cheer" does not mean happy it actually means "To be of good courage" again God wants you have courage, and strength, and be brave) **to I have overcome** (Or conquered) **the world.** (Well, if he conquered the world you and I can

conquer the world because he has come to live on the inside of us. So we must be strong, we must be courageous, and we must be brave. We also must have a boldness about us, you need a boldness. You are going to be bold to take on the enemy in your life)

#12 Be Bold

Prov 28:1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion. (God wants you to be bold in confronting the enemy. Fear will try to cause you not to confront the enemy, we need to be bold to confront the things that we need to confront in life. We see over in 1 Thessalonians 2:2 over in the New Testament several places where it speaks of how they did things with boldness)

1Thess 2:2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention. (When you go to witness you are going to have to be bold because you are going to preach the gospel of God which is confrontational, and of course it comes with much contention. There will be those that will receive, there will be those that will not but when you speak the word boldly as we ought in Ephesians 6:19 he was asking them to pray for him in verse 18 and in verse 19 he is talking about praying for me)

Eph 6:18-20 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 19. And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, (Paul who was very bold in going after the Christians before he was converted, now he is saying you need to pray for me for boldness. The devil was trying to work against him obviously to not have him be bold) **to make known the mystery of the gospel,** (You know they may not understand but how are they going to understand unless they hear, they have to hear the gospel, they have to have somebody to come before they can respond to faith in Jesus Christ) **20. For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.** (This word "Ought" is the word "Die" which means "Necessary" or is translated "Must" as we see throughout the New Testament this particular word is primarily translated "Must") **as I must speak.** (See you and I are ambassadors for Christ, we are representing him, you are an ambassador in bonds, you have a responsibility to carry out the ministry that he has called you to, and part of that is to be bold because you are going to become an expert in war not only in your own life but also in ministering to others, he wants you to be effective when you minister to others boldness. We see even when they were praying over in Acts 4:31 they had a prayer meeting where they were going to go forth, and minister to the people)

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. (God wants you to speak the word with boldness, that is going to be important. In spiritual

warfare you are going to have to be bold because the enemy will try to get you to back down, he will try to convince you in any way not to be bold, and speak forth what God wants. Boldness is very important if you are going to become an expert in war. Another thing is you have to realize that as you go forth in war remember who is fighting the battle? The Lord is fighting the battle, you are simply his vessel that is releasing him. What does God want to accomplish through this battle?)

#13 God Is Fighting

Isa 59:17-18 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, (In other words you are going to be a vessel for God's vengeance to flow forth through you) and was clad with zeal as a cloak. 18. According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence (That is payback) to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence. (Otherwise if you are going to become an expert in war you have to be ready to do what God says, you have to do God's bidding. You have to go forth with his vengeance, and his zeal to do the things that he says, because we cannot do things from our own perspective. We have to carry out what God wants us to do, and as you learn to get involved in what God wants you to do, you are going to not only see the victory over your own enemies in your life but you are going to be used of God to minister effectively to others. Joshua 10:25 we see another thing, we cannot have fear. Fear will try to stop you from being strong, and courageous, and bold, and going forth)

#14 Fear Not

Josh 10:25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: (As we have seen) for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight. (If he has defeated some enemies in your life he will defeat them all but you cannot have any fear whatsoever in your life. Remember we talked about it in Judges 7:3 when they were examining those who had come out for the battle against the Midianites there were 32,000 that showed up to battle the Midianites)

Judges 7:3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand. (Out of 32,000 that showed up for the war 22,000 had fear, and they had to be sent home. That is about two thirds, we see the same problem today, about two thirds of the body of Christ has fear they are in bondage, they have not come to the place of being strong, they have not come to the place of being courageous, and brave, and they are not engaged in warfare, they are not even fit for the warfare. We cannot have fear otherwise you are not fit for the warfare to be able to rise up, and walk in victory. Of course you will never become an expert in war unless you deal with the fear. 1 Samuel 17 Speaking about David, another thing that is important, If you are going to become an expert in war you are going to have many battles, and many victories, and you are going to prove God in your life, you

need to have a track record. You have a track record of seeing God bring a victory in one area, you see another area then you will know what God will do in every area)

#15 Prove God

1Sam 17:35-37 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. 36. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. (That shows you must have a track record) 37. David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. (God has delivered you out of one area in your life, he will deliver you out of all areas but you do need to have a track record of having accomplished some victories in your life. The more victories you gain the stronger you will get, the more confidence you will have, the more you will know how to gain the victory, and you will know how to conquer the enemy from your life. You need to have proven God in your life. Another thing that is important if you are going to be an expert in war you have to be watchful. You cannot be that one who is just walking around doing whatever you want to do. You have to watch, and pray)

#16 Watch & Pray

Matt 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, (The word "Willing" means "Ready" ready, and willing) but the flesh is weak. (Your flesh never wants to do anything, That is why you can never respond to the flash, you are only going to respond to the spirit. Watch, and pray! It is essential that we watch, and pray. In fact there was one of the things that was mentioned over in 1 Corinthians 16:13)

1Cor 16:13 Watch ye, (You are to watch, you are to be spiritually in tune with what is going on. If you are not spiritually watching, the enemy will take advantage of you. We even see this directly referred to over in 1 Peter 5:8. It does not use the word "Watch" but it uses a different word that is the same word)

1Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; (Which means to "Watch". Be watchful would have been a better way to translate it if it was being consistent) because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (We have to be spiritually watchful so we are not giving place to the enemy. Another thing is we have to guard ourselves, you have to guard yourself from sin, guard yourself from falling into the ways of the world, guard yourself from yielding to the flesh. If you will guard yourself from all the different wiles, and tricks of the enemy he will not be able to get to you)

#17 Guard Yourself

1John 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; (This does not mean that he cannot sin. It is present tense in the Greek meaning "He does not continually sin" continually that is the way he walks in his life) but he that is begotten of God (The one who is born again) keepeth himself, and that wicked one (Who was the devil) toucheth him not. (It says he touches him not. And when it talks about him "Keeping" himself, that is someone who "Guards" himself, and he does it continually, present tense . God wants you to guard yourself, keep yourself, protect yourself, from anything. That means you have to watch what you are yielding your members to, you have to watch what is going on in your mind, you have to watch what you are listening to, what you are seeing, what you are allowing to come around you whatever you are in fellowship with, you have to guard yourself so no evil comes night you. Another thing that is important if you are going to become an expert in war is you must encourage yourself in the Lord because the enemy is going to try through all the things that he does to get you at times of being discouraged. Here is the case were David, and his men they were out there they were fighting the fight, fighting the battle but the Amalekites showed up while they were gone)

#18 Encourage Yourself

1Sam 30:3 So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. (You can be fighting the enemies but then the enemy would try to retaliate, and try to bring destruction against you. Well, what did they do?)

1Sam 30:6 And David was greatly distressed; (Of course because of what happened but David did the right thing) for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God. (Whatever the enemy has come in and done any stealing, killing, and destruction, and it has all been the work of the devil, remember it is not God it has been the work of the devil. You must encourage yourself in the Lord your God, and you must get into the spiritual fight, and begin to attack the enemy, and destroy him, and that is exactly what he was to do. Now another principle we see over in 1 Chronicles 12:33 We spoke about being an expert in war, and this is where it speaks of in these scripture about being an expert in war. It talks about those of the tribes that were being raised up, and that is all pointing to what the church is to be raised up to be)

#19 Become An Expert In Spiritual Warfare

1Chr 12:33-38 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, (God wants you to become an expert in spiritual warfare) with all instruments of war, (We are going to use all our weapons of warfare. We are going to use the word of God, the name of Jesus, the Holy Spirit operating through us, we are going to use all our weapons, and know how to put our authority into operation) fifty thousand, which could keep rank: (They need to keep rank) they were not of double heart. (That meant they were of single heart they were not divided in their heart. One

way, and another way. No, they were single-hearted. We see here in verse 34-38, and look how many of them there were. There were 37,000 out of the Naphtali group, 28,600 in the Danites group. That shows you everybody is to get to the place being in spiritual war) **36. And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand.** (Do not just think there are supposed to be a few experts of war out there. No, All the body of Christ is going to walk in his way which would be the remnant that are going to follow him all of them are to be experts in war. He is going to raise you up to be an expert in war) **37...with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand.** (And it is very interesting because this is something that is absolutely necessary in these last days especially as we see these days continuing. Notice what it says, 120,000. Remember what 120 speaks of? It is prophetic of the change of an age. I believe that is prophetic of a change in the church age to the millennial age of Jesus Christ because of the fact that when you see 120 in scripture it is always pointing towards that from a prophetic standpoint. God is going to raise us up to be experts in war) **38. All these men of war, that could keep rank,** (They had to keep rank which means they kept rank in the battle line, they did not draw back. God wants you to keep rank or not break rank. They) **came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king.** (So we see you are not going to break rank, you are going to become an expert in war, you are going to have a perfect heart, you are going to be one with the Lord. Now if you are going to become an expert in war you are going to be one who gets on the offensive. The only people that are going to become an expert in war are those that know how to go after the enemy, and destroy him, and you are not going to sit, and play a defensive war. No, you are going to get after him. We come back to David. We already saw that David was one who had a covenant with God, and he had the track record of proving God, and look what David did when it was the time for him to go against the enemy. In 1 Samuel 17:45)

#20 Be On The Offensive

1Sam 17:45-47 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, (You are going to come in the name of Jesus in the New Testament) the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. (Notice, he is going to come against him with spiritual enemies not fleshly enemies, fleshly warfare, spiritual warfare) **46. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.** (Who is going to give him the victory? The Lord. What did he do? Here we see the fact that he came and we began to come against the enemy, and we see that when he came against him, he said) **47...for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.** **48. And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.** (He did not stay in a defensive posture, you know I will defend myself against this guy. No, you will not win if you are on the defense, you have to get into the offense, you have to get on the offensive, and

go after your enemies in your life. We even see this referred to over in 1 Corinthians 9:24 (It talks about how we are running a race)

#21 Run After Your Enemies

1Cor 9:24-26 Know ye not that they which run in a race (What kind of race are we running? A spiritual race) **run all, but one receiveth the prize?** (We are running to obtain the prize which are the promises of God) **So run,** (You are going to run, we are not going to walk, we are going to run) **that ye may obtain. 25. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.** (We have to keep the flesh under control) **Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly;** (I know where I am headed. I am running that spiritual race coming against the enemies) **so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:** (Otherwise, what are you fighting against? We are fighting against these evil spirits in the realm of the Spirit. So you have to get on the offensive, and we are not running uncertainly, we know who we are coming against, we know who we are fighting against, we are going to come against the devils, and we are going to triumph over them in our life, and we are going to destroy their works. You have to get on the offense, and you are going to go running after them. That might not seem like it makes sense. Why would I run after the enemy? Because the enemy you have to realize he is going to pursue you or you are going to pursue him. Whoever is pursuing who is going to get the victory)

2Sam 22:30 For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall. (You are going to run through a troop, and that means there are a whole lot of enemies. A troop is not just one or two that is a whole lot. Because you are going to be dealing with a whole lot of enemies as you are coming against them, casting them out whatever it might be or in intercession in whatever aspect of where you are operating in warfare. As you get yourself on the offense of it, and start running against the enemy, you are going to begin to work your faith. What is going to give you the victory? The Bible says in 1 John 5:4)

#22 Work Your Faith

1John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God (That is you and me) **overcometh** (Or Conquers, and carries off the victory" which is what this word really means "Nik-ah-o" over) **the world:** (Who is the god of this world? Satan is. So if you are born of God you are going to conquer, and carry off victory against the enemy, and all the evil spirits work) **and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.** (You have to understand that you have the faith of Jesus Christ)

#23 We Have Spirit Of Jesus, Spirit Of Faith

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh (In your physical body) **I live by the faith of the Son of God,** (What do you live by? By the faith of the son of God. Whose faith is that? The faith of Jesus. How did you get the faith of Jesus? When you got the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Not only do you

have the Spirit of Jesus Christ but you have a spirit of faith. Faith is not a feeling, faith is not a mental thing, faith is that which is of the Spirit)

#24 Same Spirit Of Faith

2Cor 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, (You have a Spirit of faith, you have the same one, every one of us got the same one because we have the same Spirit of Christ, you are going to put your Spirit of faith into operation) **according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken;** (Because you are going to war with your mouth whether you are going to be warring against the enemy or whether you are going to be praying bringing forth the promises of God. You are going to use your mouth) **we also believe, and therefore speak;** (You have to put your faith in operation, in fact your faith is going to grow strong, it needs to grow strong. You are not going to be any stronger than the level of how you have worked your faith upon the word of God)

#25 Put Your Faith In Operation

Luke 17:5-6 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. (How are we going to get our faith to grow strong, and get this faith strong to conquer the enemy?) **6. And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.** (In other words use what you have, and put it in operation. How do you put it in operation? With your mouth you say things. You believe, and then you speak, your mouth is a releaser, and you need to make your mouth work for you, and put your mouth in operation, and begin to work your faith)

2Thess 1:11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: (You are going to work your faith, you are going to work your faith as you are on the offensive I guess the enemy, you work your faith as you speak, and/do the word of God, and you are going to release the power of God. The power of God that is the resident in the word that you are acting upon or speaking in line with that puts the power of God into operation on your behalf. So we are going to work our faith. Also if you are going to become an expert in war you have to realize you are coming against the enemy, you are going to press against him, and you are going to come against him with violence. You and I are not going to be timid, we are not going to be one who is just thinking well how am I going to come against this? Just kind of speaking in a nice calm way. No, you were going to be forceful with might)

#26 Force & Violence

Luke 16:16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. (The word "Presseth" means "To use force, and violence. You and I are going to use spiritual force, and violence against the enemy. Spiritual force, and violence is of a necessity if you are going to triumph over the enemies. We do that

when we are casting out the devils, we are attacking them on the offensive with force, and violence, and power, and strength, and authority to cast these evil spirits out. This is also true in the heavenlies)

#27 Seize & Take Control

Matt 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven (The word "Heaven" is plural in the Greek. Young's Literal corrects the King James meaning it is not talking about the kingdom of heaven where God is, it is talking about the kingdom which is the rule and reign of heavens. Who is up in the heavens? The principalities, the powers, the rulers of the darkness, spiritual wickedness in the heavenly places. The rule and the reign of the heavens that is where a battle is being fought) **the kingdom** (The rule and the reign) **of the heavens suffereth violence.** (From who?) **and the violent** (Ones who are entering in which is the church, and the violent which is the church, the warriors) **take it by force.** (Or seize control of it. In fact this is the word "Har-pad-zo" meaning "Seize, pluck it, and have control of it" It is the same word in the Greek used when it talks about the church be caught up to meet the Lord in the air just as he is going to seize us, and catch us up immediately with force and violence, and we are going to be snatched right up. This is exactly what you are going to do, you are going to be coming against them with the same attitude to cast them down, to attack them, smash them out of the heavenlies, and throw them down, destroy them, root them out. God wants you to engage in the warfare. Remember you and I are in that position all of authority, and God has set us as Jeremiah 1:10 shows)

#28 I Am Set Over Kingdoms & Nations

Jer 1:10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, (You and I all over the nations, and the kingdoms. We have authority and dominion. Remember the name of Jesus, the name above every name over all dominions, all kingdoms, all power. He says here that you and I are over the nations and the kingdoms) **to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.** (You and I have authority, and we are going to press in with violence and force, and we are going to destroy the enemy. That is what is going to take for spiritual warfare, it is not a matter that I am just going to pray and let God do whatever he wants to do. No, he is going to use you with spiritual force and violence flowing out of you that is going to come against the enemy. You see as you go, and what you do releases God to do the very same thing. Another thing that we must realize is we are going to have to drive the enemy out. Exodus 6:1 You are going to drive the enemy out of every area of your life especially as you are casting out these spirits, and we are going to drive them out of the heavenlies. It is the church's responsibility to do this)

#29 Cast Out Of The Heavenlies

Ex 6:1 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: (Pharaoh is a type of satan) **for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he**

drive them out of his land. (It is going to take spiritual strength to drive these enemies out, that is exactly what you are going to do)

#30 It Is A Process - God & Me Working Together

Ex 23:30-31 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, (What does that tell you? It is a process, it is a little by little process of engaging in spiritual warfare to drive the enemies out. That is true in casting out demons, that is also true in warfare, intercession, casting things down from the heavenlies wherever they may be, it is just not speaking it once, and that is it. No, it is continually attacking, and little by little destroying, and driving the spirits out of the heavenlies) **I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased,** (Which means to bear fruit) **and inherit the land.** (People say well, this talks about God doing it, I want God to do it. Well, he will do it but you have a part to play, and you see that in the next verse) **31. And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand;** (Which means they are under your authority. Has God given us the authority over all the power of the enemy? Yes he has. You have authority over every devil, every spirit wherever it is at) **and thou** (That is you) **shalt drive them out before thee.** (That means you and I are going to drive them out, and as you drive them out God is driving them out. We are working together, we are co-laborers together, and you have to realize that it is our responsibility to do it. If you are going to become an expert in war you are going to be in the warfare mode, you are going to be on the offensive, you are going to be in the attack, you are going to use force and violence, and you are going to come against these enemies, and you are going to drive these spirits out of your life as well as out of the heavenlies or out of wherever they are)

#31 Destroy All Enemies

Num 33:52 Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, (All means all not just a few) **and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images,** (You are going to destroy everything) **and quite pluck down all their high places:** (Everything is going to be cast down you are going to destroy it all) **53. And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it.** ("Possess" ways "To occupy by driving out the previous inhabitants". We see down here in verse 55 he makes another important statement)

#32 Let None Remain

Num 33:55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; (Which is all a type of you casting the demons out of you as well as the church casting the spirits out of the heavenlies, that is our responsibility to do that) **then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.** (We are not to be vexed, we are not to have the enemies being pricks in our eyes, and thorns in our sides causing all these problems. No, they are to be put under foot.

Notice that those which you) **let remain of them** (That means from God's perspective any enemies that are operating in our life we have let them remain. We cannot say God why did you not get these enemies out? He is going to say you let them stay in you, I already told you to cast them out, I have given you the weapons of warfare, I told you to get on the offensive, I told you to use force and violence, I told you to enter in and cast these enemies out, you have let them remain. We can never blame God, say I wonder why God did not do that. God does things as you and I do them. You and I need to get the attitude that we are going to not just do this once in a while. If you are going to become an expert in war you are going to have to get consistent. In the consistency that you do anything lies the power and effectiveness in it, that is true in any aspect)

#33 Cast Out Consistently & Quickly

Deu 9:3 Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God is he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, (God wants you to drive them out, and destroyed them quickly. How are you going to do something quickly? By consistency, if you are doing it consistently that shows you are doing it quickly. I mean you have consistent, ongoing effort not just once in a while, you have consistent operation, you can only do some as quickly as you are doing it consistently. God wants consistency day after day, after day after day engaging in the spiritual warfare to destroy them, and drive all these spirits out of you as you cast them out as well as out of the heavenlies)

#34 God Drives All The Enemy Out

Josh 3:10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you (All the Ites) the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Gergashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites. (God will do it, he has promised. It is his covenant promise without fail. Do not think for a minute but he is going to leave some in there. No, without fail he will drive all of those enemies out, he wants you to get the victory. If we do not obey, and do what he says we are going to have problems. Look what happened over here in Joshua 17:12)

Josh 17:12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; (Why couldn't they? Obviously they did not have spiritual strength or the means to be able to do it, they had not gotten strong in the Lord like they needed to) **but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.** (They could not get them out) **13. Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong,** (When they got spiritually strong then they could drive them out. Remember it takes spiritual strength, and power, and might) **that they put the Canaanites to tribute, but did not utterly drive them out.** (Otherwise, they were strong enough to put them down but they did not get rid of them, they put them to tribute instead of driving them out. No, you do not want that it is just like resisting the enemy so they are not bothering you but not casting them out. No, we do not want to kind of keep them silent, and not bother us, let's get rid of them, cast them all out,

drive them all out until they are all gone. God wants us to clean house on everything. Another thing that is important if you are going to become an expert in war. You have to have your sword in hand, and if your sword is in hand that is when your mouth is working, and you are putting forth your mouth acting on the word smiting the enemy)

#35 Have Your Sword In Hand

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, (The sword of the Spirit, with the sword you smite enemies. What is the sword of the Spirit?) **which is the word of God:** (What about the word of God? It is not the logos, it is the Rhema. Rhema is that which is spoken which means your sword is in hand when your mouth is in operation. If you do not have your mouth in operation your sword is not in your hand. We even see a case over here where this guy did the right thing. He was one of the mighty men of David that was raised up, 2 Samuel 23:9)

#36 Your Mouth Is Your Sword

2 Sam 23:9 And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away: (This guy took on all these enemies. What did you do?) **10. He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary,** (Otherwise there was a lot of smiting) **and his hand clave unto the sword:** (Your hand is cleaving to the sword when your sword is in operation, when your mouth is in operation. Make your mouth work for you put it in operation) **his hand clave unto the sword** (Remember that is the word coming out of your mouth) **and the LORD wrought a great victory that day;** (He got weary, you get tired casting out, you get tired doing these things, that is why those cast out CDs are so great. You get tired, just keep that thing rolling it will keep working to drive those spirits out, and working against them. Praise God for technology that can keep us going. We need to have a hand cleaving to the sword, and be on attack against all these enemies in our life and drive them out. This brings us to another point, you need to be continually pursuing which we already talked about in a sense of getting on the offense and running after them, and driving them out but this is even from a different aspect. You need to be pursuing these enemies, otherwise you go after them)

#37 Pursue Your Enemies

Judges 20:45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them. (Why is this stuff in the Bible? Because it is all pointing towards what you and I do. It is all types, and shadows spiritual realities, and the things that you and are to do. You and I are to pursue hard spiritually after the enemies, and there are a lot to smite, a lot of them to slay. You see this time and time again they are slaying thousands and thousands, hundreds, and hundreds, and battle after battle because you are going to be dealing with lots of spirits to drive them out until they are all gone. Remember we talked about what happened when David and his men were gone in 1 Samuel 30:9 They came in and stole their

wives, children, and goods. What did they do? David of course encouraged himself in the Lord. What did the Lord tell him to do?)

1Sam 30:8 And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue (Which means "To run after with hostile intent") after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all. (What did David do? He obeyed)

1Sam 30:10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men: (He went after them, he pursued them, they were after them) for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint (And some of these guys got so faint) that they could not go over the brook Besor. (Which meant they were not that strong. If you get faint while or in the midst of the battle where is your spiritual strength? You need to get strong so you will not faint. God does not want us to faint. You faint when you quit, you cannot continue in doing what God wants)

#38 Recover All

1Sam 30:17-19 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled. 18. And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. 19. And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all. (If David recovered all, you and I can recover all. Of course David was the king, a type of Jesus who recovered all for us. Also you and I are kings under the King of kings which means you and I can do the very same thing without fail, we can recover all that the enemy has stolen from us. So you have to get after the enemies. Leviticus 26:7 you and I are going to pursue these enemies whether it is in your own life or whether it is in the heavenlies, whether it is dealing with someone else)

#39 God Respects You When You Pursue Your Enemies

Lev 26:7-9 And ye shall chase (Same word pursue) your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. (As you were speaking forth the word) 8. And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: (Lots of enemies, again we are emphasizing this because there is a lot of devils to cast out, and there is a lot of spirits in the heavenlies that have to be cast down, and thrown down, and destroyed. Until we understand that, and get with this program, and engage in spiritual warfare things will not change in your life, and they will not change in the heavenlies. It is a continual warfare to clean house in your life, and in the heavenlies) and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. 9. For I will have respect unto you, (Those that will engage in the warfare) and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you. (Remember we said this before but a tremendous motivating scripture. 2 Samuel 22:38)

#40 You Pursue, Wound, Destroy, Consume

2Sam 22:38-41 I have pursued mine enemies, (Run after these enemies. I have run after with hostile intent) and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them. (That meant there was no stopping) 39. And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet. (You have to realize he gives you the strength to battle) 40. For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me. (God gives you the spiritual strength) 41. Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me. (You have to understand the devil hates you. At the same time as you are in this if you are going to become an expert in war you cannot let yourself get out of the Spirit. You are going to have to keep the Spirit being the master which means you have to govern the area of the soul. You are going to be steadfast in the area of your soul)

#41 Possess Your Soul - Steadfast

Luke 21:19 In your patience (Which means your "Steadfastness, your constancy") possess ye your souls. (The battle ground will be in the soul. Your mind, your will, your emotions, the enemy will try to work at you to not continue in the warfare. You have to deny that, do not yield to it, do not let those feelings rise up, and dictate anything to you. You cannot let anything get you to draw back in your will or reason in your mind to get you to draw back. No) In your patience (Steadfastness) possess ye your souls. (Whenever the enemy is attacking you, you have to get steadfast in the soulish realm)

#42 Count It All Joy - Steadfast

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall (This word "Fall" means really "To be enveloped in or encompassed about" literally, The Greek word "Per-ee-pip-to". "Per-pee" means "Around" "Pip-to" means "something coming around, all around you". That is what it means to be encompassed) My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall (Encompassed with all these) into divers temptations; 3. Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh (Or brings into operation) patience. (Steadfastness. What is the devil trying to do always? He is trying to stop your faith. How does he stop your faith? He gets you to quit speaking, he gets you to quit warring, he gets you to quit casting out, or casting down, or put in your mouth in operation. But) the trying of your faith worketh (Or brings into operation steadfastness. Where is that? That is in the realm of the soul) 4. But let patience (Steadfastness) have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (Otherwise, we are going to continue on doing what God says, and we are not going to back off. Another point that is important is if you are going to be an expert in war you have to be long-suffering. In Heb 6:12)

#43 You Have To Be Long-suffering

Heb 6:12 That ye be not slothful, (You cannot be lazy, and slothful) but followers of them who through faith and patience (Now this word "Patience" is not "Hoop-om-on-ay" but it is the word

"Mak-roth-oo-mee-ah" which means "Long suffering" which was translated correctly 12 out of the 14 times. Unfortunately two times it was translated incorrectly but it means "Long suffering") **followers of them who through faith and patience** (Long-suffering are) **inherit** (Inheriting, this particular word is in the present tense showing the process, present tense that you are inheriting) **the promises.** (Young's translates that excellently, outstanding, exactly the way the Greeks says) **are inheriting the promises** (Showing it is a process that you are engaging in to see the promises. So you are going to have to have long suffering, patience. Patience is that of the soul while long-suffering is of the spirit. It is one of the fruits of the Spirit. You need to maintain a long suffering in the face of what is occurring. At the same time you are going to have to endure the attacks of the enemy. We have to understand that while we are all the attack against the enemy the enemy is not going to lie down, and just quit. He will do anything possible you know. You were trying to get a fish out of water, he does not just give up when you hook him. He is going to fight until you finally get him out. Anything that you are attacking those devil fight, they will try to do everything possible to not be driven out or what remains of course will come on the counter-attack against you)

#44 You Will Be Attacked When You Go Against Your Enemies

Heb 10:35 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, (You turn to the light, you got born again, you got in the word) **ye endured a great fight of afflictions;** (A great fight all these things were coming against you, all the attacks of the enemy. You see as you are pursuing your enemies, and you are engaging in the warfare , you will have to endure the suffering from the attacks of the enemy, and the things that are going on if you are driving the enemies out. Acts 14:22 makes quite a statement in the latter part it says)

#45 God Through Much Pressure

Acts 14:22 ...we must through much tribulation (Which means "Pressure") **enter into the kingdom of God.** (What is the kingdom? The rule and the reign of God which means you must go through, not being beat down by but going through much pressure. You are going to enter into the rule and reign of God because the enemy is not going to do nothing, he is going to pressure you, he will fight every step of the way. This is why you have to really become tough spiritually, and strong. You cannot be some pushover for the devil)

#46 Endure Hardness As A Soldier

2Tim 2:2-3 Thou therefore endure hardness, (Which means you are going to suffer from things that come against you) **as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.** (God has chosen you to be a soldier in the army of the Lord, and we want to please him. Well, one thing for sure you cannot get entangled in the affairs of this life or you will not continue in it. You will be pulled this way and that way, and you will not continue in it. So we are going to endure suffering in whatever situation we are dealing with in the process of fighting this battle to

destroy the enemies. Another thing that we have to realize is those who come to be an expert in war they subdue the enemies underfoot. They know they are going to destroyed)

#47 God Will Subdue All Enemies

1Chr 17:10 And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. (All means all. If you subdue something it will be brought under it is like the same word for "Humble" meaning "To be brought low or under" this is talking about from a warfare standpoint. You are going to put underfoot, also) subdue all thine enemies. (Every single enemy is going to be put under foot. You say when are the enemies going to be put underfoot? They are put under foot when they are not coming anymore, and no more problems in your life)

#48 When Demons Are Subdued They Come No More

1Sam 7:13 So the Philistines were subdued, (How were they subdued?) and they came no more (When the enemies are underfoot) they came no more. (Remember they are not gone just for a season) they came no more. (And then all of a sudden they rose up a little bit later, and that meant there was still more there. You are not free from casting out demons out of yourself until you do not have anymore release of these spirits coming out of you when you work on that particular area of your life, releasing out with the yawns or the coughs or release of breath. Not just because I feel better, and it appears that the problems are gone. No, you are going to be continually casting out until you drive everything out until it is all gone. At the same time you must not be slothful. One of the things is people get lazy. They allow themselves to pet the flesh, and let the flesh rise up. What does it say in Judges 18:9)

#49 Arise Against Your Enemy

Judges 18:9 And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: (You have to get up and start fighting again) for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: (All the promises are very good) and are ye still? (Are you just sitting there still?) be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land. (We cannot be slothful, we cannot be lazy, we cannot be those that are not going to engage in the warfare, and also we cannot draw back. If you have gotten into the battle you are not fit for the kingdom if you draw back. Jesus spoke about that, here we see in Hebrews 10:38)

#50 Do Not Draw Back To Perdition

Heb 10:38:39 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, (If you draw back) my soul shall have no pleasure in him. (We are not drawing, we are going to press forward, we are going to come into the victory) 39. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; (The word "Prediction" actually means "To be destroyed". You see either you are going to destroy the enemies or they are going to destroy you. It is going to be one or the other. Somebody is going to win this battle, if you were going to destroy them instead) we are not of them who draw back

unto perdition; (To be destroyed) but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. (At the same time we are never going to give up, and we are never going to faint. Nope, we are going to run, and we are not going to get weary)

#51 You Must Always Pray

Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought (Or must. The Greek word "Die" means "Must". Must) always to pray, and not to faint; (We are not going to drop back whatsoever. There is no consideration of fainting or drawing back instead we are just going to pursue on. Remember what the Bible says over in Galatians 6:9 one important thing)

#52 We Will Reap If We Do Not Faint

Gal 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. (That is true in all aspects including spiritual warfare. You keep on sowing, you keep on fighting, you keep on casting out, you keep on warring) for in due season we shall reap, (The victory) if we faint not. (You stay well I have been fighting the battle but I have not seen a victory yet. What do I need to do? Not only do you need to continue but you may need to even do something else)

#53 Make The Battle Stronger

2Sam 11:25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him. (Otherwise, they were not getting the victory, and the enemy was gaining some ground, and defeating some of them. What he says is you have to) make thy battle more strong against the city (Otherwise, you have to make your battle more strong. You need to rise up, and maybe increase your time intercession, or casting out, or speaking, and make the battle more strong against the enemy, not just a little bit. I did a little bit. I did okay, well maybe you need to do a whole lot more, make the battle more strong which means to continually come against the enemy, they have to get more attacks against the enemy which means you are going to get into the battle stronger, and stronger in your life. Is there any stopping? No, we are not going to stop until the enemies are underfoot. We even see this principle shown in Exodus 17:11)

#54 Do Whatever It Takes

Ex 17:11-13 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. (Holding up the hand is the release of power, and might, and authority, and looking unto God as their source. Whatever he held his hand down the other guys prevailed) 12. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. 13. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. (Otherwise, they kept the battle going until the enemy was put under foot. That is what God wants, those that are going to

become an expert in war they are going to do whatever it takes, they are not going to just work for a little while, and then give up, and throw in the towel because I did not see something happen when thought it should happen, and how I want it to happen. No, you are going to keep on fighting as long as it takes until the enemies are put under foot. 1 Corinthians 16:13. Another thing we need to do is stand fast)

#55 Stand Fast In The Faith

1Cor 16:13 Watch ye, (Not only going to watch, Not only going to be brave, you are going to be strong but you are going to) **stand fast in the faith,** (God wants you to stand fast, and not be moved buy anything that is coming against you, and we see those that are going to become experts in war will stand fast. In Philippians 1:27 who makes quite a statement)

#56 I Am A Citizen Of Heaven

Phil 1:27 Only let your conversation (The word "Conversation" actually is the word which comes from "Being a citizen" it is talking about conducting your affairs as a citizen of heaven that is what it is referring to) **be as it be as it becometh the gospel of Christ:** (You are to conduct yourself is citizen of the gospel of Christ) **that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs,** (Otherwise, I want to hear what you guys are doing) **that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;** (These guys were standing fast, they were fighting the fight. They were) **with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;** (That this is what God wants us all to be. We are going to be one mind, one spirit, and we are all) **striving together for the faith of the gospel;** (And we are driving out the enemies, and we are preaching the gospel, and doing the woks of God to see God bring forth what he purposes)

#57 Stand Fast For My Crown

Phil 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. (That is what God wants. Remember we are going to possess that crown, the incorruptible crown, so we are going to stand fast)

#58 If I Stand Fast I Will Live In The Lord

1Thess 3:8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord. (Quite a statement. When we look at this particular word "Stand fast" and the tense, present tense which means "If we continually stand fast continuous, repeated action" but it also says "Active" meaning you were going to actively do it but it also happens to be in the subjunctive mood which means "It is conditional" which means you are going to live and have God's life manifest in you if the conditions are met of you continually standing fast in the Lord actively. It means if you quit standing fast actively in the Lord in the warfare, and doing all the things he says, you are not going to see God's life, you are going to see the enemy coming in. Remember the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made us free from the law of sin, and death legally but not experientially unless you do what he

says, and you keep on standing fast in the things of the Lord, and we are going to see the victory in your life. What is God going to do? Who is going to deliver us, he is going to smite our enemies underfoot. Romans 16:20 who makes this statement)

#59 God Will Crush, & Destroy Satan Under My Feet

Rom 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. (He is going to crush him underfoot. He is going to crush him in pieces, and tread him down under your foot. You have authority, we just have to get ourselves in operation. You say, well am I ever going to get to the place of coming to the place of victory in my life, and not having to fight his enemies. Yes, take a look at 1 Samuel 7:13. We saw the first part of that verse)

#60 Peace Comes When The Enemies Are Gone

1Sam 7:13-14 So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more (That means they are not underfoot) **into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.** (What was the result?) **14. And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored** (As these enemies are going to be driven out you are going to be restored in all areas) **to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines.** (You are going to be delivered out of all the bondages of the enemy) **And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.** (As you subdue the enemies to the point where they come no more the hand of the Lord will be against the enemy you will have been restored, you will have been delivered, and you will have peace, that is where we are heading, and you will get there once you get all the enemies out. Joshua 11:23. Here is a great testimony, and this is what we want)

#61 Take The Whole Land

Josh 11:23 So Joshua took the whole land, (What is that? That is all the promises of God which is a type of your life. We want to take all the promises of God. Remember the fear of God is before us lest we leave any promises as it says in Heb 4:1) **Joshua took the whole land,** (A type of us taking all the promises) **according to all that the LORD said unto Moses;** (Which means he drove all the enemies out) **and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.** (See there is a rest it remains to the people of God, and you and I are to enter into that rest. Jesus is a rest but some people say, oh well, I came into the rest when I got born again. In a measure you did because Jesus is your rest. Is that all there is to the rest? Oh No, the rest is when you possess all the promises. That is why it says)

#62 Enter Into The Rest

Heb 4:1 Let us therefore fear, (The fear of God) **lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest,** (Otherwise, how do you enter into the rest? By possessing the promises) **any of you should**

seem to come short of it. (God wants us to possess all of our promises, and we are going to be diligent to enter into that rest)

Heb 4:11 Let us labour (Or this is the Greek word "Spoo-dad-zo" which means "Be diligent") therefore to enter into that rest, (Possessing the promises) lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. (Why did they not possess the promises, the promised land? They were in unbelief. Why do not Christians possess the promises today? From God's perspective they are in unbelief what is a believe it or not. Well, I believe in Jesus. Yes, but you will not believe all the things he said) in the word, and doing them. If you really believe you are following him, if we really believe we are obedient. Belief is going to be shown in hearkening diligently unto the voice of the Lord, and doing all that he has commanded us, and we are going to enter in, and possess all the promises of God)

We have seen some important points. If you are going to become an expert in war you certainly have to know the things that we have already shared about how the enemy works against you, you have to know your weapons of warfare, and the fact that you have authority over the enemy. The Lord is going to fight your battles as you fight the battle, you must realize it is a spiritual battle, you have to have a warfare mentality, you are going to be taught and trained, and humble before God, we are going to be prepared for war, and realize I have a covenant with God. My eyes are on the Lord not on the enemy or on myself, I am going to follow the Lord fully. I am going to be strong and courageous, I am going to be bold, I am going to be ready for God's vengeance and zeal operating through me, I am not going to have any fear, I am going to prove God in my own life because I am going to work out my own salvation, I am going to see victory after victory, what is going to make me stronger and stronger, and give me more confidence, and I am going to be watchful of the enemy, and guard myself. I am going to encourage myself in the Lord, I am not going to break rank, I am going to have a perfect heart one with the Lord, I am going to have all the weapons of war in operation in my life, and I am going to be an expert in war, skillful in war. I am getting on the offensive, I am running after my enemy, I am going to work my faith continually, I am going to press in with violence, and force and I am going to drive out the devils continually in the area of my life as well as in the area of the heavenlies, and I am going to keep my sword in hand my mouth working, I pursue continually, pursuing hard after these enemies. The same time I will be steadfast in soul, long-suffering in spirit, and during the suffering of the counter-attacks, and all the things I deal with while I am on the attack against the enemies I will subdue them to the point where they will come no more. I will not be slothful or drawback or faint or give up, I am not about to stop. No, I am going to make the battle strong, and I am going to keep going, and keep fighting until the enemies are put underfoot, and I am going to stand fast, and I am going to be delivered, the enemy will be put underfoot in my life, and I am going to come to the place of rest. I tell you this is important not only in your life but also look at the scripture for the church in the last days. The church is going to be involved in seeing God bring forth a cleaning of the house in the heavenlies. Remember the church has

authority in the earth. How does the church operate? It operates through its authority speaking forth, warring and we have dominion over all the nations, and over all the kingdoms, and all the evil spirits in the heavens. Before the end comes this is going to be fulfilled in Revelation.

#63 War In The Heavens

Rev 12:7-9 And there was war in heaven: (Who is going to put this in operation? The church, the remnant who is going to engage in the warfare. Now who is going to fight the battle? Not us God is going to fight it. How? Through the angels they are going to war. What is going to happen?) **Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8. And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.** (They are going to be driven out) **9. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.** (They are going to be cleansed, the heavenlies are going to be cleansed before the end comes, and satan and all will be down on earth for 3 1/2 years, 1260 days, the 42 months the time, times, and half a time when the Great Tribulation will occur, and that will be quite a time on the earth. The church of course is going to be strong, the ones who are the remnant are going to walk in victory, and they are going to prevail over the enemies, and they are going to see the victory because they are going to become experts in war. We want to be experts in war so that we can say at the end of all days just like Paul said 2 Timothy 4:7)

#64 I Have Fight The Good Fight

1Tim 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: (That is what God wants for you and me)