



Getting Started on a New Way of Life

9. Power over our enemy – Spiritual Warfare

Whether we realized it or not, the moment we surrendered to Jesus as our Lord we enlisted as soldiers in His army (2 Timothy 2:3-4) and entered into a war. We are in a spiritual battle that will continue as long as we live or Jesus returns. We can be assured, however, that Jesus is victorious over our enemies and has all authority and power over them. Our best defense in this war is to remain close to Jesus and constantly use what He has given us to “be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.” (Ephesians 6:10). The battle we fight is primarily for the truth we believe.

1. A literal translation of Ephesians 6:10 would read “be *made* strong in the Lord and the strength of His might”. How would a brand new soldier be *made* strong as he/she enters bootcamp?

-Read Ephesians 6:10-17

2. What do you like about the passage? _____

3. What do you find uncomfortable or difficult to understand in this passage? _____

4. What appears to be the main idea emphasized in this passage (look for repeated words or ideas)?

5. What does Paul mean when he writes “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood” (6:12)?

6. How should the answer to question 5 above change our view of very difficult people in our lives?

7. List each part of the armor of God and explain what it is?

8. According to 2 Corinthians 11:2-4 how does Satan try to lead Christians astray? _____

9. Read Ephesians 4:25-28. What can give the Devil a foothold in a believer's life? _____

-After carefully reading Luke 4:1-14 answer the following questions:

10. With what did Satan tempt Jesus? _____

11. How did Jesus counter Satan's temptations? _____

12. According to verses 1 and 14 by what power did Jesus resist the enemy's temptations? _____

13. In Genesis 3:1-6 Satan tempted Adam and Eve with the same temptations, what's the difference? _____

14. Read James 4:7-8 and then list at least five things we can do to battle our enemy. _____

15. What attitude is described in James 4:6 that is essential to resisting Satan? _____

16. Earlier we read about the armor of God. What was the only offensive piece of armor described in Ephesians 6:10-17? _____

"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

~Hebrews 4:12~

17. What does Psalms 119:9-11 teach us about resisting the temptations of Satan, this world, and our own flesh? _____

Close in prayer thanking the Lord for His absolute control over every enemy we face.