



The Weapons of Our Warfare

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II Corinthians 10:3-5 - *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: ⁴(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) ⁵Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

Review of Developing A Warfare Mentality

- Although God is love, that He is also a God of war (**Exodus 15:3**).
- If we are to be like Him we too must develop and maintain a warfare mentality.
- The moment we accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we enlisted in the army of the Lord (**II Timothy 2:3,4**).
- We must be prepared to be the occupying force in the earth to enforce and exemplify the victory Jesus won for us (**Luke 19:12,13**).

Keys To Developing A Warfare Mentality

- First, we must arise daily realizing that we've already won through the victory Jesus Christ won for us (**I John 5:4, Romans 8:37**).
- Secondly, we must wake up ready to go on the offensive; be proactive and not reactive; ready to make something happen rather than waiting to see what happens (**I Timothy 6:12**).

II Corinthians 10:3-5 - Phillips Translation - *The truth is that, although of course we lead normal human lives, the battle we are fighting is on the spiritual level. The very weapons we use are not those of human warfare but powerful in God's warfare for the destruction of the enemy's strongholds. Our battle is to bring down every deceptive fantasy and every imposing defense that men erect against the true knowledge of God. We even fight to capture every thought until it acknowledges the authority of Christ.*

- The Bible declares that the weapons we have are mighty through God. Since the weapons are mighty through God, we must rethink what we're working with.
- When we think of mighty weapons in today's economy, we think about the long range destructive power of nuclear missiles - their ability to travel from one location to another with great speed; their ability to travel high into the atmosphere; capability to pinpoint a target and make a direct strike. If mankind can develop technology so advanced, so devastating, so accurate; what do you think our God has provided us for doing warfare in the heavenlies?

Ephesians 6:13-17 - ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith,

with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

- Keep your armor on. Don't be caught spiritually streaking.
- Although this passage mentions primarily the defensive weaponry that we have to protect us from the fiery projectiles of the enemy, it does reveal one of our offensive weapons - the Word of God.

There are three primary weapons which serve as our warheads in the spirit. They are the Word of God, the Name of Jesus, and the Blood of Jesus.

- These three weapons have intrinsic power in them that is generated by the Holy Spirit.
- With faith in these weapons you can go nuclear in the spirit realm anytime you utilize them, and the devil has no defense to counter them.

A warhead is no good without a missile and a missile is ineffective without a warhead. God has provided the following missiles and they are Prayer, Praise, the Proclamation of the Word, and Our Testimony.

- A missile without an activated warhead is called a dud - a bomb or missile that fails to explode.
- God has provided us with spiritual missiles to launch our spiritual warheads in an all-out assault upon enemy strongholds.
- When we pair the missiles and the warheads together, we have a powerful tandem that will produce mighty results in the spirit realm.

The missile / warhead tandem of praise and the Word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 NKJV - ¹² *The word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

- The life giving and powerful Word of God launched with praise produces a weapon that silences the enemy. **Psalm 8:1-2 - *O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.***
- The Hebrew word for "ordained" means to set, appoint, establish or found. The word for "strength" can refer to **boldness, might, power, strength, security, majesty, and praise**. Praise is a strong missile and when it is mixed with the Word of God, it becomes a powerful weapon of warfare.
- Jesus confirms this scripture to mean praise in **Matthew 21:14-16** - *Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful thing that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, "Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise?"*
- If you want your praise to be effective, sing songs that are Word based.