



# THIS IS HOW I WIN MY BATTLE

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**II Corinthians 10:3-5 - KJV** - <sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: <sup>4</sup> (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) <sup>5</sup> Casting 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;

**II Corinthians 10:3-5 - NLT** - <sup>3</sup> We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. <sup>4</sup> We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. <sup>5</sup> We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR BATTLE

The key to discovering how to prepare to fight in spiritual warfare is to first understand our own make up. We need to understand **how God made us**. David said in **Psalms 139 - NLT** - <sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. (Lord, upon your examination, what have you determined. I need to ask You because You know everything about me.) <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. <sup>3</sup> You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. <sup>4</sup> You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord (This is why we need to ask the Lord to set a watch over our mouth - **Psalms 141:3** - Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.) <sup>5</sup> You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head (His favor, His grace, His anointing, His wisdom, His power). <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! <sup>7</sup> I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! (In the presence of the Lord there is fulness of joy - **Psalms 16:11**) <sup>8</sup> If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. <sup>9</sup> If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, <sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me. <sup>11</sup> I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night— <sup>12</sup> but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you. <sup>13</sup> You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body (There is more in your body than your physical parts) and knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. <sup>15</sup> You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion (invite God into your bedroom - **Hebrews 13:4**. "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."), as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. <sup>16</sup> You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life **was recorded** in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed (**Psalms 118:24** - 24 This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. There is a plan prepared for each day, every moment, every minute, every second of

your life - **Psalm 90:12** - 2 So teach us to number (prepare - live your life with purpose) our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. - don't settle for the way that seems right - **Proverbs 16:25** - KJV - There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.).<sup>17</sup> How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. **They cannot be numbered!**<sup>18</sup> I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand (**God has not forgotten you!**)! And when I wake up, you are still with me!<sup>19</sup> O God, if only you would destroy the wicked! Get out of my life, you murderers!<sup>20</sup> They blaspheme you; your enemies misuse your name.<sup>21</sup> O Lord, shouldn't I hate those who hate you? Shouldn't I despise those who oppose you?<sup>22</sup> Yes, I hate them with total hatred, for your enemies are my enemies.<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.<sup>24</sup> **Point out anything in me that offends you**, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

God made us to be a three part or tri-partite being. This truth is made clear in **I Thessalonians 5:23** - And the very God of peace ( **Greek eirene - It is a word that corresponds with shalom and depicts wholeness in your spirit, soul and body as well as in your relationships, finances, happiness, and so on. Peace, or shalom, basically covers everything.**) sanctify you wholly (dedicate and consecrate to God complete in all respects, absolutely perfect); and **I pray God** your whole (complete in all its parts, in no part wanting or unsound, complete, entire, whole) spirit and soul and body be preserved (**Greek "tereo", which means to attend carefully; to guard from loss.**) blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.