



## **THIS IS HOW I WIN MY BATTLE - Part 2**

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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.

Whenever I read this verse, it causes me to view myself as being designed to be offensive in spiritual warfare. In other words, I don't see myself as sitting around waiting to determine what Satan's next move against me will be, but I see myself as taking the fight to the kingdom of darkness.

I believe we were created to live victoriously. God designed us to be and desires us be the overcomers. We were destined to rule and reign with Him. But in order to do that, there are things we must understand. We need to understand 1) the way God made us 2) what went wrong with us 3) the way in which the enemy works 4) the weapons we have available to us 5) the authority we have in Jesus Christ 6) know how to fight effectively. In the next weeks, our study will be in align with these subject areas in order for us to understand how to win life's battles.

Last week we began to discuss our preparation for battle by understanding how God made us. We noted that **Psalms 139:13,14 - KJV** - declares - <sup>13</sup> For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. (NIV - <sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.)

<sup>14</sup> I will praise thee; (yada - to acknowledge in public, to extend the hands) for I am fearfully (to be held in awe) and wonderfully (I am wonderful (first person singular), to be distinct, marked out, be separated, be distinguished) made: marvellous (wonderful, extraordinary) are thy works; (needlework - very intricate, detailed, and unique, intricately made) and that my soul knoweth (yada - recognizes the majestic work of God in creating me) right well. (I will worship You with raised hands, because You made me awesome and wonderful, distinct and distinguished. Your intricate work in forming me is wonderful and extraordinary! My soul recognizes the majestic work of You God creating me.) If God created you with such detail, with such intricacy and precision, why would you even think that you were designed to be the devil's doormat?

God created mankind originally to rule and reign on the Earth. This is the reason why He made mankind the way He did. The inward and outward parts of you were designed to function in harmony in order to express

God's divine image and fulfill God's purpose and plan in the Earth.

**Genesis 1:26, 27 - AMP** - <sup>26</sup> God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth. <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them.

After God declared His purpose, He placed a person in the Earth to carry out His purpose. **Genesis 2:7 - AMP** - <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground (**body**) and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life (**spirit**), and man became a living being (**soul - nepes**).

God took the elements from the ground and formed man's body to look like Himself. God then with His own breath breathed life into man and he became alive - First CPR Adam's soul was the product of the uniting of the body and the spirit. The soul allowed his human spirit to operate in his physical body. Adam's soul was formed so he could function in the material realm and the spiritual realm. Ex. Car - it has a physical frame designed to function, to travel. But the physical frame of the car is useless without two major parts - the engine and the transmission. The engine provides the necessary power for the car to move. Yet, if the transmission is not linked to the engine and the car, the car isn't going anywhere. Likewise, the transmission can be linked to the car, but if it is not connected to and powered by the engine, the car will not move. It takes all parts connected together to function properly and effectively. If all parts are not functioning properly, it's just a car in name only, not in functionality.

The tripartite nature of man, (spirit, soul, and body) is much like the divine Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) in that the three parts make one. The three parts of the divine Trinity make up the Godhead. Likewise, the three parts of a person make one being. The three parts of a person were designed to work together to live, exist, and interact with God and creation. Just like the personage of the Godhead is distinct and each having their own function to one common purpose, so are the three parts of mankind distinct and have their own function designed for one common purpose.

Let's take a brief look at these parts as we prepare to get more in depth into their function. The body is the physical side of a person. It is composed of elements from the soil such as salt, iodine, calcium, carbon, iron, just to name a few. The makeup of our body is amazing. The body has 206 bones, more than 650 muscles, nearly 12 billion nerve cells, 20,000 hairs in the ear that enable us to hear sound. Our heart beats about 70 times a minute pumping 5 ounces of blood per stroke for a total of 4,000 gallons a day. We have approximately 2 million sweat glands. Our lungs contain 400 million air sacs which pump 12,000 quarts of air daily. Our body helps us operate in the physical realm through an electronic system that keeps our five senses functioning at an incredible rate of speed. Our ability to see, taste, touch, hear, and smell enables us to interact with the physical realm.