

Weapons of Warfare

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I. Introduction.

- A. Ephesians 6.
- B. There is a real spiritual war going on in our hearts.
- C. The war is between God and Satan, and God has the victory through Jesus Christ. (Colossians 2:14-15)
- D. The working out of the warfare is left to us on this earth.
- E. Context: familial and business relationships.

II. Be strong in the Lord.

- A. A Christian is one who has committed himself to Christ as Lord.
- B. Christ is all to the Christian—the Christian belongs to Jesus Christ. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- C. The world was created through the Word of the Lord. (Psalm 33:6-9, Genesis 1)
- D. The power of life and death is in the tongue.
- E. The armor was made for the front and the soldier was exposed to the back.
 - 1. A person only needs one area exposed to lose the victory.
 - 2. God never expects a Christian to turn his back.

III. Truth is a weapon. (John 14:6)

- A. Truth is absolute with moral issues.
- B. One of the tricks of the Devil is to get us to doubt God's Word. Whatever the Bible says, it's true. (Genesis 3:1)
- C. It is easy to lie—be sure you tell the truth. (Proverbs 19:22)

IV. Righteousness.

- A. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. (Matthew 7:12)
- B. Every major religion has the Golden Rule, and we ought to practice it even though it is hard to do.
- C. It is wrong to penalize the righteous and make the wicked go free.

V. Peace. (John 14:26, 16:33)

- A. Peace is a weapon of the warfare. (Luke 10:41)
- B. The gospel of peace is different than the helmet of salvation.
- C. We are to lay down our cares.
- D. We only need to sit at Jesus' feet like Mary.

Application questions

1. What is our role in the battle between Satan and God? Explain.

2. How is truth twisted in our culture today? How does one graciously address this?

3. What areas are you slipping in your personal righteousness? What will you do differently today to start living a clean life again?
