

Ephesians 6:12 (NLT) ¹²For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Realities of Spiritual Warfare

1. We have an _____ who is _____.

"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight." - C.S. Lewis

Revelation 12:7-9 (NIV) ⁷ Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

2. Satan exists to _____ people and _____ God's glory.

John 10:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV) ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

3. We can _____ the _____.

Romans 8:37 (NIV) ...we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

We fight from _____.

Colossians 2:13-15 (NIV) ¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Spiritual Warfare is _____ in the victory of Christ.

The Winning Gameplan

1. Be strong _____.

Ephesians 6:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

James 4:7-8 (NIV) ⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

_____ myself to God and close any _____ that give the enemy access.

Ephesians 5:11 (NIV) ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

2. Be covered in the _____.

Ephesians 6:13 (NIV) ¹³ Therefore 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.

Belt of Truth - Philippians 4:8 "Whatever is true...think about such things
Breastplate of Righteousness - 2 Corinthians 5:21 "I am the righteousness of God in Christ."
Shoes of Peace - Colossians 1:20 "God reconciled everything to Himself...having made peace through Christ's blood on the cross."
Shield of Faith - Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon formed against me shall prosper."
Helmet of Salvation - Colossians 3:2-3 "Set your minds on things above...your life is now hidden with Christ in God."
Sword of the Spirit - Hebrews 4:12 "the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword"

3. Commit to _____.

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV) ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:19-20 (NIV) ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

4. _____ advance the gospel and let it _____ in
me.

Matthew 16:18 (NLT) I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not
conquer it.

The armor _____ us, but the gospel
_____.