

Preparation for Spiritual Warfare

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No soldier ever enters a battlefield without adequate preparation, no matter how confident he feels. In like manner we must never take our participation in spiritual warfare lightly. Although our enemy is unseen, his power and intelligence far surpass our own. Because our success depends totally on the power of God working through us, we must be sure that our lives are a clear channel through which He can work and fully avail ourselves of the spiritual resources He offers us. Therefore, prayerfully:

EXAMINE AND CLEANSE YOURSELF FROM ALL SIN.

- Ask God to reveal any sin in your life which would hinder His Spirit flowing through you.
- Confess it.
- Claim the blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins (1 John 1:7).
- Repudiate all personal arrogance or self-reliance in the spiritual battle.

CHECK YOUR SPIRITUAL ARMOR (Ephesians 6:10-18).

- Affirm your **salvation** from Satan's kingdom and possession of Christ's **righteousness**.
- Express your commitment to **truth** and **righteousness** in every area of your life.
- Claim the **peace** of God over all fear and anxiety.
- Declare your reliance on the **Word of God** which He will give you at the moment of need.

CLAIM YOUR SPIRITUAL RESOURCES.

- Your position of authority with Christ at the right hand of the Father (Ephesians 1:19-23; 2:6)
- The fullness of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)
 - His guidance (John 16:13)
 - The Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17)
 - The Spirit of wisdom and understanding (Isaiah 11:2)
 - The Spirit of counsel and power (Isaiah 11:2)
 - The Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2)
- The protection of the blood of Jesus over yourself and all those involved.