

## Don't Let Demon Powers Stop You.

Demon powers know how to stop most Christians. How you see Jesus affects every aspect of your life. Jesus is a spiritual warrior. After the Holy Ghost came upon Jesus, He rebuked demons; faced Satan; healed the sick; spoiled principalities and powers; defeated death, hell, and the grave. He is our Redeemer, and he is risen and as He is so are we in this world. ([1 John 4:17](#))

Spiritual warfare is part of Christianity until God calls us home. As we recognize the spiritual warfare caused by demonic powers we must recognize our spiritual authority to fight back. When we ignore the dark rulers of this world more than ourselves suffer.

You are in a spiritual war whether you want to be or not. Jesus did not ignore demon powers, and he didn't teach his apostles to ignore them either ([Matthew 10:1](#)). The Apostle Paul taught the church in Ephesus how to battle saying, "Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might**. Put on the **whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; <sup>15</sup> and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." (Ephesians 6:10-18)

Believe it and use that sword and speak it.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*." (John 14:12-14)

Warriors wear armor. Armor is for the fighting man. Paul likens spiritual opposition to warfare. He teaches five important truths.

- Followers of Christ should be strong in the Lord and the power of His might.
- Be full of spiritual power.
- Recognize Devils have wiles or tactics.
- The battle is a spiritual battle, not a natural one.
- Spiritual warriors wear (Spiritual Armor) God's armor.
- Read to fight, the good fight.

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.." (1 Timothy 6:12)

"Thou, therefore, endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." (2 Timothy 2:3)

"No man that warreth entangles himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." (2 Timothy 2:4)

"This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare." (1 Timothy 1:18)

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:" (2 Corinthians 10:3)

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. “ (2 Corinthians 10:4)

Warfare is “armed conflict against an enemy.” There are many spiritual enemies of Christ including demons, principalities and powers. Included in that list of spiritual enemies are the systems, structures, kingdoms, and organizations that demon inspired people build. This is something worth thinking about. Christians should not yoke themselves with systems the demon-influenced built. Satan and his dominion come only to steal, kill and destroy.

Spiritual warfare is a spiritual fight against a spiritual enemy.

- Spirits
- Principalities
- Powers
- Rulers of the darkness of this world
- Spiritual wickedness in high places

Our battle is not against flesh and blood. The battle is in the spirit, which manifest in the natural. Win spiritually and things get better and better naturally. This is where the Word of God becomes vital to the disciple of Christ. Not all prayer stops demon powers. Mature in the Word and learn how to pray.

Demons influence people, and their activities must be discerned. You won't stop them by ignoring them: evil spirits, spirits of infirmity, seducing spirits, spirits of error, unclean spirits, anti-Christ spirits, lying spirits, controlling spirits, and many more have infiltrated the Church. Sometimes these spirits work alone and at other times they network together.

Don't be afraid to judge the demonic at work; look at the fruit that is produced and don't be worried about people using pet phrases of Satan when he is seen for what he is. Apostle John taught to try the spirits. He said, “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1). To “try the spirits” means to put them to the test. When you do this Devils respond. Here are a few pet phrase demonic spirits use to try to stop you:

- Don't judge lest you be judged.
- Let the one without sin throw the first stone.
- The measure you use to judge someone else will be measured back to you.
- Take the beam out of your eye first.

The list goes on and on. The devil will use the bible to try to stop bible believing people. You must judge. To judge simply means to make a judgment. Making a judgment “is not” being judgmental. A judgmental person is a fault finder. That's not what we are discussing. Christians should never be fault finders or false accusers. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against demonic spirits. We are not fighting against flesh and blood we are fighting the spirits that are controlling or strongly influencing that flesh and blood.

We make judgments every day. Do believe what you hear, or you don't? We are not judging anyone's salvation, that's between them and God, but we are judging what spirit they are flowing in and the fruit of their lives and ministries. Good trees bear good fruit and corrupt trees bear evil fruit. ([Matthew 7:17](#))

Scripture tells us, “Can two walk together except they are agreed?” (Amos 3:3). The Word should be what governs our lives and the lives of our companions; spouse and friends.

- Decisions are based on what you value.
- What you value you will pursue.

- What you value you will enjoy.
- What you value you will fight for.
- What you value you will keep.
  
- What do you value?

You spend time with people that value what you value. Scripture says we are not to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers; this scripture is used a great deal when speaking of marriage but it should be applied to anyone we have a friendship with.

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” (2 Corinthians 6:14-16)

How would you know if you are unequally yoked if you don't make a judgment? In this Scripture, the Paul is not being judgmental against unbelievers. He is pointing this out for your protection. Christ authorized you to evaluate the fruit people produce. Yes, he did. Christ said, “You shall know them.” In other words, you shall accurately know them.

“Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.” (Matthew 7:16-18)

It is unscriptural for someone to tell you not to judge because the spiritual man judges all things. Scripture makes this clear, “But he that is spiritual judgeth all things yet he himself is judged of no man” (1 Corinthians 2:15). Did you get that? The spiritual man judges all things. Are you a spiritual man?

To judge (judgeth)

Strong’s G350 *anakrinō*, means:

1. examine or judge
  - a. to investigate, examine, enquire into, scrutinise, sift, question
    - i. specifically in a forensic sense of a judge to hold an investigation
    - ii. to interrogate, examine the accused or witnesses
  - b. to judge of, estimate, determine (the excellence or defects of any person or thing)

Christ never taught us to ignore demonic spirits. Don’t let demonic spirits use their weapons. You must make judgments as you seek to weigh what you hear and what you see against the written Word of God. It takes spiritual maturity to see things as they are. Demonic powers know how to stop most Christians.

Never be like most Christians, be the followers of Jesus Christ, live, move and have our being in Him. Take the power and authority given you and use it in the name of Jesus Christ.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.” John 14:12-14

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” Mark 16:15-18

“The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.” Luke 4:18-19

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20