

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." 2 Corinthians 10:4 KJV



Satan is stealthy, but believers need to be wise, not stealthy. *"The FEAR of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."* If you do not stand in awe of your Creator, you are a fool! How will you know if something is against God if you don't know His Word? If you are not well educated in the tactics of your enemy, how can you ever expect to win? Believer's tour of duty in God's boot camp gets us ready to fight when the battles come. If you rebel and struggle against God's training, then you will fail when you face the foe. You will be consumed like dry grass in a forest fire. If you think God is hard on you, your enemy, Satan, will destroy you! *"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; IF so be that we suffer with Him. For...the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth (corrects), and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."* God puts obstacles in our path to increase our faith and prepare us for the deadlier conflicts sure to come. Satan is a seasoned, subtle, and crafty enemy. Train in Truth and commit tactics to memory. Don't be caught "off guard." God has given us "Truth vision" to penetrate the surrounding darkness and see our stealthy enemy before he has a chance to strike. *"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."* Through faith in God's Word, we see what others cannot. It enables us to engage the unseen enemy and defeat his advances. Truth reveals his agenda beforehand and we are not perplexed by his methods. We have the necessary weapons and supplies to defeat our foe. *"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."* We need to "search and destroy" any lie planted in our thoughts or midst. Don't be caught untrained and under supplied. Satan is adept at ferreting out weakness, and turning it to full advantage. Let's not only train and protect ourselves, but guard and prepare others as well. *"Lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees. Make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way. Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God."* A soldier of God will never be off-duty until the Archangel sounds reveille in The Morning!

To fight the fight with all your might,
You need the Truth, the Way, the Right,
You cannot win it all alone,
And if you try, you'll be undone. -CGP

Maintain a good supply of the oil of kindness and the gauze of forgiveness *"lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you."* Maintain morale by encouraging others, and be vigilant for the lies often believed by the unseasoned. Do not condemn, but rather *"speak the Truth in love."* The war is over, but your enemy will still fight you to the death! *"Even so, Come, Lord Jesus!"*

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" 1 Peter 5:8 KJV