



Invisible War: Invisible Enemy
Spiritual Warfare - Part 1
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Ephesians 6:10-12

Intro: Beneath our physical world lurks an invisible spiritual realm where unseen battles rage. It's real. And it's dangerous. This struggle is not what always meets the eye; the real enemy is not with who or what we often think it is. It's a wrestling against the invisible enemy who wants our soul. The spiritual warfare exploding all around us will have eternal implications for us and those we love. It's a serious enemy we are up against, and Ephesians 6 offers us a serious solution – to find our strength not in ourselves, in best practices, or in cultural fads, but to unlock the strength we can find in the Lord and in His mighty power.

How do you and I approach life?

Do we live it like we're on a playground or battleground?

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Cor. 10:3-4



“If you open up the top of the piano, sing a note, a particular string will vibrate. It's the string that's tuned to your voice. You haven't even touched it, and yet it's vibrating to your voice. That's what the Devil does. **The Devil makes a flawed person worse.** The Devil plays

on what's already in you. He aggravates what's already in you through lies.

4 Strategies the Devil uses:

- 1) Attack where we are vulnerable
 - a. Where we're _____
 - b. Where there's _____
- 2) Distractions
- 3) Division
- 4) Isolation

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings." 1 Peter 5:8-9

