

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

1. Who are you?

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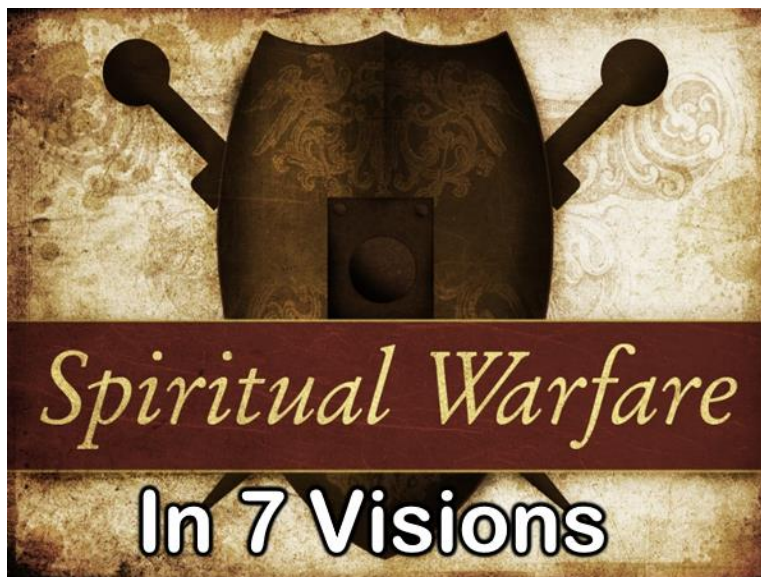
I am _____

What do you do?

I _____

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2. What type of Warrior are you? *Vision of holding a baby:*

But what's kind of Spiritual Warrior should you be? How should you act? What should you be like? One minister had a great vision of what a trained Spiritual Warrior should look like. The minister saw a strong warrior, wearing beautiful armor that had no gaps. This warrior had powerful weapons, sharp and deadly, and he could be most fierce in battle.

Yet, for as impressive and dangerous as he appeared, this warrior was gentle enough that he could hold a baby. A peaceful smile was on this warrior's face, he had joy, and he could even laugh and joke around with others. This is the balance the Lord is looking for. Loving and gentle towards others, yet fierce against evil. Win the battle on the inside, before the outside.



3. Casualty vs Overcomer: *Vision of those who didn't resist.*

Why do Christians need to learn Spiritual Warfare? This question can best be answered by a vision given to a certain minister. In this vision, satan came up to a group of Christians, and in a rage, satan shouted "*Who wants to fight me?*" Some of the brave members of this group of Christians took a stand and proclaimed in a loud voice "**WE WILL!**" The minister was expecting a fight to soon break out, but strangely, in the vision, satan didn't fight those brave Christians who stood up. Instead, satan slaughtered all those who didn't take a stand. So, in spiritual warfare, you're either a warrior or you're a casualty. The only way to survive is to FIGHT!



4. What weakens a warrior? *Image of the Titanic.*

You can't be very effective in Spiritual Warfare if you have sin in your life. Think about the Titanic. It had several sections, many levels, many corridors, many rooms. So how many rips in the hull did it take to sink the ship? Only 1. From that 1 rip, poured in all the water that was needed to sink the entire ship.

The same with sin, having a perpetual sin in your life, will open you up to more and more demonic attacks. If you're watching pornography, if you can't control your lusts, or your rage, or addiction, or rebellion to authority, then you're NOT ready. Getting into Spiritual Warfare will be like stirring up a bee's nest. Spiritual Warfare is fighting demons on the outside, deliverance is fighting demons on the inside. If you want to win in Spiritual Warfare, your flesh needs to be crucified, your self-will needs to be surrendered to Jesus. Those who pick up their cross will overcome. So, for successful spiritual warfare get the SIN out of your life!!!



5. Authority vs. Power: *Image of the Traffic officer.*

Every Christian needs to know the difference between Authority and Power. For this, imagine a simple traffic officer at an intersection. And along comes a huge Truck. Which one of them has power? Which one of them has authority? The Truck has power, but the traffic officer has authority. The officer's authority means that with one call he can bring in all the power he needs, an armored vehicle, a s.w.a.t team, snipers, troops, whatever is needed. Authority is greater than power. Though satan may have some power in this world, Jesus gave us authority over him, as it says in Luke 10:19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. So never forget, Christians have authority in the Spiritual Realm.



6. How to Intercede: *Vision of the sword from the mouth.*

How should you pray? My friend had a very interesting vision about Spiritual Warfare. She saw that when Christians prayed, a sword would start developing in front of their mouth. At first, the sword was small and not very imposing. But as the Christians prayed through, as they prayed with faith and determination, the Sword would get bigger and bigger, sharper and more deadly. It would even catch on fire.



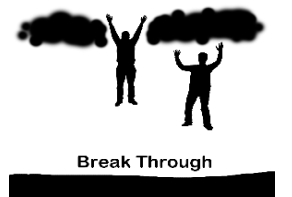
When they were finished, a powerful Angel would come, and take the Sword, and go fight on behalf of that prayer. So, the question is, do you want a little sword coming out of your mouth, and attack satan with a toothpick? Or do you want a Big Sword coming out, and do real damage to the Kingdom of darkness? If so, you'll need to learn to pray through, and not give up.



(If there's time: The image of Bowls of Prayer building up, Billions of Simultaneous Commands.)

7. Breakthrough: *Vision of the Dark Cloud.*

My other friend was once shown a vision of Spiritual Warfare. She saw in her vision a dark cloud over an area, over a city, filled with evil spirits. And Christians were underneath this cloud, praying. As the Christians prayed, they would ascend upward toward the dark cloud. Pressing into it, as it slowed their upward progress. But those Christians that would pray hard & continually, would eventually break through the dark cloud, and go above it. The rest of the Christians, who gave up too soon, who didn't break through, would eventually fall back down to earth, underneath the cloud.



The Christians who broke through the dark cloud, would have victory over their enemy, and victory over their circumstances. But those who fell back down under the cloud, would always be dealing with the circumstances, trying just to maintain, staying on the defensive. Therefore, if you want to be good at Spiritual Warfare, a determination to break through in prayer is critical.

Quiz: (I am_/Vision of Baby/ satan's challenge/ What weakens you/ Authority vs. Power/ Mouth Sword/ Dark Cloud Vision/ Bowls/ Simultaneous)

8. *** The Host: Who are they? What do they do? (If there's time)