

## *Fight to Win* **Battling the Enemy**

### **I. Introduction**

- A. John 10:10a (NAS) *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy."*
- B. I John 3:8b (NAS) *The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.*
- C. II Corinthians 10:3-5 (NAS) *<sup>3</sup>For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup>for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. <sup>5</sup>We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.*
- D. Ephesians 6:12 (NAS) *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

### **II. Weapons to Battle the Enemy With**

- A. The Word of God
  - 1. Hebrews 4:12 (NAS) *For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*
  - 2. Psalm 119:11 (NAS) *Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.*
  - 3. Psalm 119:160 (NAS) *The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.*
  - 4. Hebrews 10:25 (NAS) *"Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."*
  - 5. I John 1:9 (NAS) *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
  - 6. Romans 8:1 (NAS) *Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*
  - 7. Matthew 4:4 (NAS) *But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"*
  - 8. Matthew 28:20b (NAS) *"And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

9. Psalm 23:4a, b (NAS) *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me.*
10. Psalm 31:7 (NLT) *I am overcome with joy because of your unfailing love, for you have seen my troubles, and you care about the anguish of my soul.*
11. Make a decision to become a person of the Bible!

B. Worship

1. Psalm 22:3 (NAS) *Yet You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel.*
2. Isaiah 42:10a, 13 (NAS) *<sup>10</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song, sing His praise from the end of the earth! <sup>13</sup>The LORD will go forth like a warrior, He will arouse His zeal like a man of war. He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies.*
3. Nehemiah 8:10c (NAS) *“The joy of the LORD is your strength.”*
4. Psalm 16:11b (NAS) *In Your presence is fullness of joy.*

C. Confession of sin

1. I John 1:9 (NAS) *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
2. John 14:30b (NAS) *“For the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.”*
3. Psalm 139:23-24 (NAS) *<sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts. <sup>24</sup>And see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.*
4. James 5:16a (NAS) *Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed.*

D. Walk in forgiveness toward others.

1. Matthew 6:12 (NAS) *“And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.”*
2. Matthew 5:44 (NAS) *“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”*
3. Psalm 66:18 (NAS) *If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear.*

E. Prayer and intercession

1. The whole course of history is changed when we pray and intercede!

F. Fasting

1. Matthew 17:21 (NAS) *"This kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."*
2. Galatians 6:7-9 (NAS) *<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.*

**III. Conclusion**

**Upcoming Messages:**

**11/30-12/1/2013 – "Why We Sing"**