Lesson 9: Spiritual Warfare

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; ) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ…” (2 Cor. 10:3-5)

Introduction:

When we become a Christian, we enlist in the Army of the Lord. There is no neutral ground. All Christians will enter into this spiritual battle. When we were “born again,” Jesus did not take us to Heaven, but He left us here to wage war on the kingdom of darkness and equipped us with the armor we need to fight this battle.

“And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.” (Matthew 11:12)

The outcome of this war is victory! We win! Take courage and don’t give up! Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, (Heb. 2:10) has never lost a battle, and He never will!

Part 1-a KNOW YOUR ENEMY

1. 2 Timothy 2:3-4*: “Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*

2. The Christian has 3 enemies.

**What are they? How can they be overcome?**

1. (1 Peter 5:8) 1. (James 4: 6-7; Ephesians 4:27)

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2. (James 4:4) 2. (1 John 2:15; Romans 12:2; James 4:4)

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3. (Galatians 5:17) 3. (Galatians 5:16; Galatians 5:24)

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