

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (TNIV)

IF YOU DON'T TAKE YOUR
THOUGHTS CAPTIVE, YOUR
THOUGHTS WILL TAKE YOU
CAPTIVE.

The Four Aspects of Our Personal War:

1. THE REALM OF WAR
2. THE WEAPONS OF WAR
3. THE THEATER OF WAR
4. THE ACT OF WAR

THE REALM OF WAR

“For though we live in the **world** we do not wage war as the world does...”

2 Corinthians 10:3 (TNIV)

“For though we live in the **body**, we do not wage war in an unspiritual way...” (HCSB)

“For though we live in the **flesh**, we are not waging war according to the **flesh**...” (ESV)

THE REALM OF WAR

Spiritual warfare is never done
by the flesh or in the flesh but
is by the Spirit and in the Spirit.

THE REALM OF WAR

For 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.

Ephesians 6:12

THE WEAPONS OF WAR

“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have **divine power to demolish strongholds.**”

2 Corinthians 10:4 (TNIV)

“Since the weapons of our warfare are not worldly but are powerful **through God** for the demolition of strongholds” (HCSB)

THE WEAPONS OF WAR

**We must WIELD WEAPONS with
the CAPACITY TO DESTROY
demonic strongholds and subdue
demonic suggestions.**

THE WEAPONS OF WAR

“No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me, declares the LORD.”

Isaiah 54:17

THE THEATER OF WAR

“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 Corinthians 10:5

THE THEATER OF WAR

**The MIND is the theater of our
spiritual conflict.**

THE THEATER OF WAR

Satan focuses on taking control of our thought life and when he does, he has built a stronghold

Stronghold: an entrenched argument that stands in opposition to the Word and will of God.

THE THEATER OF WAR

Whenever there is a set negative response to the promise of God, that is a stronghold.

FOUR MECHANISMS OF BONDAGE:

1. FRAUD: Sinful reasoning
2. FEAR: Sinful feelings
3. FANTASY: Sinful dreaming
4. FATALISM: Sinful dispositions

FRAUD

DEFINITION: Deceit, trickery, or sharp practice perpetrated to gain some unfair or dishonest advantage

EXPRESSIONS:

1. Lust of the Eyes: “Riches are what counts”
2. Pride of life: “This is the way I was created. I didn’t choose this – it’s who I am”
3. Lust of the Flesh: “This is the only way to satisfy my needs”
4. Condemnation: “I can’t come to God. I’m not good enough.”

“For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father but are from this world.”
– 1 John 2:16

FEAR

DEFINITION: A distressing emotion aroused by impending danger, evil, pain, etc, whether the threat is real or imagined

EXPRESSIONS:

1. Worry
2. Panic Attacks
3. Debilitating Insecurity
4. Fear of Failure

“The LORD is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?” – Psalm 27:1

“God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind.” – 2 Timothy 1:7

FANTASY

DEFINITION: Imagination, especially when extravagant and unrestrained; forming of mental images; fantasize

EXPRESSIONS:

1. Pornography: writings, pictures, films designed to stimulate sexual desires
2. Video games & Virtual reality
3. Media & Movies
4. Day-dreaming

“Those who work their land will have abundant food but those who chase fantasies have no sense.” – Proverbs 12:11

FATALISM

DEFINITION: The philosophical doctrine that all events are predetermined so that man is powerless to alter his destiny; a lack of effort or action in the face of difficulty

EXPRESSIONS:

1. Hopelessness
2. Depression
3. Self-Hatred
4. Futility

“The Lord will fulfill His purposes for me; Your steadfast love, O’Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.” – Psalm 138:8

“Even before God made the world, He loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure.” – Ephesians 1:4-5

**Satan's goal is for us to give up
our confidence.**

“Do not throw away your confidence;
it will be richly rewarded.”

Hebrews 10:35

THE ACT OF WAR

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2 Corinthians 10:5

THE ACT OF WAR

The process of wrestling and demolishing ***all*** satanic suggestions.

THE ACT OF WAR

Wrestling is *by* the Spirit until *you're*
in the Spirit.

Four Key Verses to Memorize:

“For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Romans 8:13

Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

2 Peter 1:4

Four Key Verses to Memorize:

"Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD,
"and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"
Jeremiah 23:29

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify
the desires of the flesh.
Galatians 5:16

THE RESULT OF WAR

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Jesus returned to Galilee in the ***power of the Spirit***, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

Luke 4:13-14