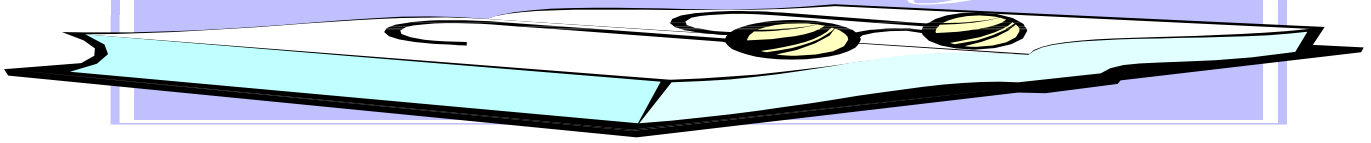


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Topic
Spiritual Warfare
“Living Victoriously through Life’s Daily Struggles”

BIBLE STUDY

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Spiritual Warfare” Living Victoriously through Life’s Daily Struggles Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20 Key Verse: Ephesians 6:13

PROPOSITION: When we live victoriously in the midst of life’s daily struggles, it brings glory to the God of our salvation and creates in others a desire for the Christian lifestyle.

I. In order to live victoriously we must learn how to draw our strength from the Lord. (10)

- A. The difference between a winner and a loser is in how each responds to challenge.
 - 1. A loser quits and looks for excuses.
 - 2. A winner keeps competing and looks within for more strength.
- B. We live victoriously by tapping into the strength that Christ’s boundless might provides.
 - 1. The God who lives in us is more powerful than any struggle that we can face in this life.
 - 2. The God who lives in us is greater than any adversary or enemy in this world.

II. In order to live victoriously we must learn why we need God’s full armor. (10-13)

- A. We need God’s full armor in order to stand against Satan’s evil strategies. (11)
 - 1. Satan’s evil strategies have caused God’s angels to rebel and be cast out of heaven.
 - 2. Satan’s evil strategies have caused our first parents to sin and be cast out of Eden.
 - 3. Satan’s evil strategies have caused people to miss God’s blessings and experience God’s wrath.
 - 4. Only God’s full armor can enable us to stand against Satan’s evil strategies.
- B. We need God’s full armor in order to prevail against supernatural forces of evil. (12)
 - 1. Our struggle is not against human beings or physical opponents.
 - 2. Our struggle is against spiritual wickedness and supernatural forces of evil.
 - 3. Our struggle is against an organized army of evil spirits controlled by Satan.
 - 4. Only God’s full armor can enable us to prevail against supernatural forces of evil.
- C. We need God’s full armor in order to withstand in the evil day. (13)
 - 1. Satan has planned an evil day for each of us.
 - a. It is a day when he attempts to expose our faults and shortcomings to the world.
 - b. It is a day when he attempts to embarrass God and disgrace the gospel with our sins.
 - c. It is a day when he attempts to attack us some area of our lives.
 - 1) In our personal lives
 - 2) In our homes
 - 3) In the work-place
 - 4) In the church
 - 5) In the community
 - 2. Only God’s full armor can enable us to withstand in the evil day.

III. In order to live victoriously we must learn how to use God's full armor. (14-17)

- A. Certain pieces of God's armor protect us only if we put them on and keep them on.
 - 1. The belt of truth holds the other pieces of armor together only if we put it on.
 - 2. The breastplate of righteousness protects our vital organs only if we put it on.
 - 3. The shoes of evangelism guard our feet and secure our footing only if we put them on.
 - 4. The helmet of salvation protects our head only if we put it on.
- B. Certain pieces of God's armor protect us only if we take them up and learn to use them.
 - 1. The shield of faith protects us only if we take it up and learn to use it.
 - 2. The sword of the spirit protects us only if we take it up and learn to use it.
 - a. It is an effective defensive weapon by which we can stop the enemy's assault.
 - b. It is a powerful offensive weapon by which we can make the enemy retreat.

IV. In order to live victoriously we must learn how and when to use the secret weapon. (18-20)

- A. Prayer is our secret weapon because it brings God into the conflict.
 - 1. It is the means by which He overcomes our obstacles.
 - 2. It is the means by which He supplies our needs.
 - 3. It is the means by which He solves our problems.
 - 4. It is the means by which He gives us wisdom.
- B. Prayer is our secret weapon because it that can be used at all times.
 - 1. It can become a part of our daily devotions.
 - 2. It can become an attitude or state of mind in our daily lives.
 - 3. It can become a source of peace in our times of crisis or uncertainty.
- C. Prayer is our secret weapon because it can be used to help all people.
 - 1. It can be God's instrument for bringing the sinner to Christ.
 - 2. It can be God's instrument for bringing the saint to maturity in Christ.
 - 3. It can be God's instrument for releasing His power in the lives of others.
- D. Prayer is our secret weapon because it can open the door for the proclamation of the gospel.
 - 1. We should pray for the gospel of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed.
 - 2. We should pray for the gospel of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed with boldness.
 - 3. We should pray for the gospel of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed with clarity.
 - 4. We should pray for the gospel of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed in spite of persecution.