

The Fundamentals of Spiritual Warfare Part 3

The Process of Warfare

Review from Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary.

- Forgive:** a) To cease to feel resentment against an offender.
b) To give up resentment or claim.
c) To grant relief from payment or to grant forgiveness.

Word	Meaning	Opposite
Forgiving	Willing or able to forgive	Unforgiving
Forgivingness	The trait of being willing or able to forgive	Unforgivingness
Forgiveness	The act of forgiving	None in English (ABC uses Unforgiveness)

- A. Strategies:** Win the war by stealing, killing and destroying
- 1) Stealing the Word out of the person’s heart when it is hardened. John 10:10
 - a) Stealing the person’s salvation (or blessings). Mark 4:4,15
 - b) The devil attacks, a roaring lion, because person knows not the Word. Luke 8:12
 - c) Lack of the Word keeps the person in bondage to satan. 1 Pet 5:8
 - 2) Killing with affliction or persecution using the stony parts of the heart. Mark 4:5-6,16-17
 - a) The person is saved but heart is not totally soft (not filled with Christ). Eph 3:17
 - b) The person can no longer be possessed or easily controlled so satan desires to kill the person or hisr ministry.
 - c) The devil attacks, as a serpent, using the tricks of temptation. Gen 3:4
 - 3) Destroying God’s plans in the person’s future with idolatries/iniquities. Mark 4:7
 - a) The person has developed some fruit but lack of commitment stops it. Mark 4:18-19
 - b) The devil, angel of light, changes the person’s focus away from God. 2 Cor 11:14
 - c) Lack of consecration and of the meat of the Word prevents the person bringing fruit to perfection. Luke 8:12

- B. Tactics:** Win the battles of control, unity and power.
- 1) Personal Control: The devil can control a person if he can control:
 - a) Hisr mind. Rom 12:2
 - b) Hisr tongue. Pro 18:21
 - c) The direction of hisr life. Jam 3:2-4
 - 2) Relationship unity
 - a) When the people are in unity, they can do anything. Gen 11:6; Act 1:14
 - b) When the people are in disagreement, there is strife & every evil work. Jam 3:16
 - c) So, the tactic is to divide & conquer by creating offense and unforgiveness.
 - 3) Power.
 - a) Prosperity is living in God’s anointing, having access to His power. Matt 6:33
 - b) The devil tries to sabotage spiritual power by nullifying the weapons.
 - c) The devil attacks Christian financial power thru ignorance of the principles of the Kingdom of God and thru anti-wealth/false humility teaching.

C. Pre-conflict Training – Win the preparation for battle.

Eph 6:12-18

- 1) The Foundational armor:
 - a) Truth: Without truth, there is for us no life, no Jesus, no Word, no Way.
 - b) Righteousness: Without righteousness, guilt condemns the heart and faith is weakened.
 - c) Preparation: Continue in the Word and it shall set you free.
 - d) Salvation: Without knowledge of the promises, there can be no faith to receive them.
- 2) Defensive armor. The Shield of Faith chooses between the voice of God or circumstances.
- 3) Offensive armor: The Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, speaks the promises into existence.