



Scripture of the Quarter

⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, ⁶and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 (NKJV)

The Battlefield

I believe anyone who has served in the military would be able to give a definition of what a battlefield is. From personal experience serving in the Marines in Viet Nam in 1966-1967, all would agree with what I'm about to describe. First, you have to have two opposing forces fighting each other to gain the victory of the battle. When fighting there **will be** a lot of casualties and **MANY** will lose their lives **fighting for what they believe in**. The carnage I witnessed as an eighteen-year-old male stayed with me for many decades in dreams and nightmares. I was not serving the Lord in those early years of my life. When I came home the enemy - Satan, tormented me with the same dream which occurred over and over for decades. After accepting Jesus as my Personal Savior in 1999, and then receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit in 2005 we went to a Christian Motorcycle Rally (CMA) where an evangelist from Africa prayed that Jesus Christ would wipe any and all memories of the carnage in my combat experiences in the jungles of Viet Nam. Immediately the nightmares ceased! Praise God Hallelujah!!!! I give Jesus all glory and praise every day for being set **free of the torment!**

Now, I stated all this to give hope to anyone else who came home from combat and are having this problem of torment from things seen or done in a combat zone. By the **Power of the Blood, of Jesus Christ, your mind can be cleansed and you too will be set free! Glory to God!** While praying, the Holy Spirit gave me this message to help all those in bondage **in their minds and physical bodies**. We must remember we may be civilians, but we are in the Lord's Army! If you follow Jesus the Messiah—you will have heated battles going on every day. The battlefield we fight on every day is our mind where the enemy's attacks are on a daily basis. Stop for a moment and think, you carry your battlefield around with you all day long and even when you sleep, the enemy can and does attack with horrible dreams which are tormenting.

We are in a spiritual battle in our minds every day, as the devil knows his time is short and his goal is to take as many people to hell as he can! So, how does he attack our minds? He uses many tactics one of his favorites is FEAR, this acronym stands for False Evidence Appearing Real! An example for a female, is a lump appears in your breast and the devil starts speaking "you know

you have cancer" and this is before you have proof by medical testing it is not! Now your mind runs wild with thoughts of illness or even death. What we must do is study the Bible and stand on God's promises. This is when the scripture of the quarter listed above begins our defense against the lies of the devil. Now, we must engage the devil in spiritual warfare. The Apostle Paul reminds us to put on our full armor of God and engage the enemy.

Ephesians 6:10-18^(NKJV)

¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

I have highlighted verse 18, as some forget this is **part of your armor**. Prayer is one of the most powerful weapons

God gave us in our arsenal to defeat the devil! I would like to make a strong suggestion to all who are reading this newsletter, you should put on your full armor of God on Every Day. I have a question for all my readers—why would you go into battle with a dull sword? The **Bible** is the “**SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**” to keep it sharp and ready for battle you **MUST STUDY GOD’S WORD** (Ref. 2 Timothy 2:15). God’s Word gives us an example of how sharp God’s sword is in:

> **Hebrews 4:12**^(AMPC) *12 For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any **two-edged sword**, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.*

I would like to give you another acronym for fear that the devil uses so effectively against believers. FEAR: Forget Everything And Run or we can choose to Face Everything And Rise. Remember the choice is yours.

Now, I would like to give you God’s Word and His promises, to help in your battle to **Engage and DEFEAT** the devil. How do we keep our minds focused on Jesus and not on our problems?

> **Romans 12:2**^(NKJV) *2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and **perfect will of God**.*

The key is **renewing** our mind daily, study the Word of God, read a daily devotional, and pray every day **before** leaving your home, before school, or work. As I stated earlier, your prayer life and spending time talking and listening to God is **VERY IMPORTANT!**

> **Romans 15:6** that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

> **1 Corinthians 2:16** *For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But **we have the mind of Christ**.*

> **Philippians 4:7** *and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and **minds** through Christ Jesus.*

So, if we are supposed to emulate Jesus our Lord and Savior, we must follow His examples and be like minded in our thoughts and actions.

The Apostle Paul gives us guidance on what we should be thinking about every day; **Philippians 4:8** *Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.*

Another example of what we should think about daily is found in; **Joshua 1:8** *This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.*

I would like to comment on the word **LAW**, as a lot of people have been taught the law is bad. This is totally incorrect. Law in Hebrew is translated **TORAH** which means writings and instructions from God!

So, in essence Joshua was saying—Lord, I love your writings and instructions and will follow your teachings all the days of my life. If I asked you how many scriptures from the New Testament did Jesus quote, what would you answer? If you try and think of any, **there are none** as there was no **NEW TESTAMENT** when Jesus walked the earth. All the scriptures He quoted were from the Old Testament the “**TORAH**.”

Now, getting back to spiritual warfare, I have asked a few people the question—does your Pastor ever teach on

spiritual warfare? Their answer of **NO**, astounds me as this is something all believers need to know in their battle with the enemy. How can you win a battle if you do not know the strategy of the enemy???? Remember God’s Word is absolute truth. **Hosea 4:6**^(NASB) *6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.*

I don’t know about you but I don’t want God to forget my children!!!! Notice, what the Lord is saying. He is not talking about the unbelievers. He is talking about His people—you and me.

Remember, whenever you go out or when you have someone come into your home that you don’t know, repair men etc., you do not know what type of spirit or spirits, they are bringing in your home.

This is serious. When Sheree and I have someone come in our home such as a repair man after he leaves in our prayers at night we pray this prayer; *Jesus if there are any spirits in our home that are not of You we take full authority in your name and we bind them up and command them to go to the dry place in Jesus name, Amen!*

Jesus said this; **Luke 10:19**^(NASB) *19 Behold, I have given you **authority** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over **all the power of the enemy**, and nothing will injure you.*

When Satan and all his angels were removed from heaven, they **lost all their authority** as it was taken away by God himself. So, we must realize if we have opened the door for the evil one to come into our homes physical or spiritual. If so, you must take the authority given to you by the **LORD Jesus Himself!**

In closing we pray this newsletter will encourage and help you win all of your battles. IF you have any questions, all of our information is at the top of our newsletter. Please contact us.