

“WELCOME TO THE WARFARE”

Series: “Insight for the Journey,” part 13 of 16
Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 5:00 pm and
Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Big Idea: God wants to transform my mind so I’m prepared to battle the enemy and win!

Text: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Bullet: Spiritual battles cannot be won with worldly strategies and weapons.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we live in the world, we **do not** wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 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.

**THE SITUATION IN CORINTH: An avalanche of _____
was being heaped on the Apostle Paul.**

2 Corinthians 10:9-10

I do not want to seem to be trying to frighten you with my letters. For some say, "His letters are weighty and forceful, but in person he is unimpressive and his speaking amounts to nothing."

**The main point: Spiritual battles cannot be won with _____
and weapons.**

The Three Main Strongholds Satan uses:

“arguments” = _____

“pretensions” = _____

“thoughts” – my world view and _____

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO FIGHT GOD’S WAY:

***Trusting in _____.**

Zechariah 4:6

So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty."

Proverbs 21:30-31

There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the LORD. The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD.

***Motivated _____.**

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

***Returning good _____.**

Romans 12:17a

Do not repay anyone evil for evil.

1 Peter 2:21-23

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously.

***Utilizing the _____ of God and _____.**

THREE BATTLEFRONTS – ONE WAR MANUAL

1. Battles _____.

Romans 7:21

So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

Truth _____ feelings.

2. Battles with _____.

Being right doesn't make up for being _____.

3. Battles with _____.

My goal is to win over, not _____, God's enemies.

{See also, 2 Timothy 2:24-26; 1 Corinthians 5:12-13; 1 Corinthians 9:19-22}