

Awake and at War
Joining Jesus in the Greatest Fight
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"Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle." Psalm 144:1

Satan does not care what you believe he just does not want you to believe the truth!

1. Our battles originate in the spiritual realm not the physical Ephesians 6:10-12
 - Satan's main trick is to cause you to question the goodness of God. As he did with Eve in the garden.
 - Satan wants you to complain about what you don't have so you will lose sight of what do you have.
 - Satan wants you to think God is withholding something from you.
 - Truth exists within the goodness of God, and wherever the truth of God is present, Satan's ability to deceive is diminished.
 - You cannot fight satan on your own, with your own methods, or even with your own thoughts.
 - God's Word—His truth—trumps Satan

2. Satan pursues his agenda by intentionally penetrating the same four realms that God works through to manifest His glory:
 - The individual
 - The Family
 - The Church
 - Society

3. Four stages in satan's strategy
 - Desire
 - Deception
 - Disobedience
 - Death

The truth that sets us free is that satan no longer has authority. That is the key. Colossians 1:13 tells us that God has "rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son." God rescued us out of the wrong kingdom and brought us into the right one. By rescuing us, He brought us under the rule of a new King, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!

I Have Authority!!!!

1. I have Authority over satan because of my position in Christ.

“God has raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in heaven.” Eph. 2:6

“You have been raised with Christ; your life is now hidden with Christ in God” Col. 3:2

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2. I have authority to resist the devil because Christ has taken Satan’s power over God’s people away.

“Christ has disarmed the powers and authorities. He made them powerless by His victory at the cross”. Col. 2:15

“The Son of God appeared . . . to destroy the works of the devil” 1 John 3:8.

3. I have authority to resist the devil because Christ has given me His power.

“Christ is in you and he is greater than the devil who is in the world” 1 John 4:4

“My grace is sufficient for you; my power is made perfect in your weakness” 2 Cor.12:9

“Resist the devil and he will flee from you” James 4:7b

“Christ gives us more grace” James 4:6

4. I have authority to use my spiritual weapons against evil.

“Even though we live in the world we do not fight with the weapons of the world. Our weapons have the divine power to tear down every stronghold of disobedience in our lives. We can demolish every stronghold of evil disobedience that is against God. We can take captive every thought that is not of God.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Our battles originate in the spiritual realm—the heavenly places—so the only way to fight them is with weapons that work in that realm.

Our spiritual weapons are:

- God’s Word
- Prayer
- Praise
- Service
- Memories of past victories
- Faith
- The blood of Jesus
- Our testimony
- Fellowship with other believers
- The Armor of God
- The Gifts and the Fruits of the Spirit

Psalm 19:7, 1 Cor. 15:57, 1 John 2:15-17, James 5:16, Eph. 6:14-18