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"Winning And Reigning"

True Spiritual Warfare pt. 01

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Ephesians 6:10-13

- 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For 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. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- <u>Vs. 10</u> We are to take strength in the LORD, in the name of the LORD, in the presence of the LORD, and in the power of His might (the super abundance of His ability)!

- Vs. 11 Cover yourself with God's protection so that you will be able to stand (withstand) against the wiles, tactics, and schemes of the devil. NOTICE: God did not say that we would cancel the attacks of the devil, but that He are to be proactive in arming ourselves with God's prescribed protections so that we can withstand (endure) his attacks, plots, schemes, and attempts successfully.
- <u>Vs. 12</u> We do not wrestle against flesh and blood. Other people, no matter how aggravating, frustrating, or constantly hating, disruptive, back-biting, back-stabbing, annoying, hurtful, or otherwise problematic, are not our true adversary. The true enemy of the Christian is the spirit behind the person who causes

trouble for him or her.

- These spirits are here classified in ranks: principalities
 (princes/rulers), powers (infernal authorities, infernal dignitaries),
 Rulers of the darkness of this age (controllers and dark organizers
 of this present world order), and spiritual hosts of wickedness in
 the heavenly places (infernal army of satan who are in the
 spiritual dimension).
- This lower level of satanic soldiers are the most common (daily) adversary of the Christian, fighting to distract you from the voice and will of God!

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

- **3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. **4** For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, **5** casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ
- Vs. 3 Though we live in the natural dimension, we do not fight according to the methods of natural men nor physical warfare.
- Vs. 4 For the weapons we use are not physical (nor intended for physical fighting), but are super effective by the power of God to the endo of pulling down strongholds (deeply entrenched carnal

- mindsets and thought patterns / ways of thinking).
- Vs. 5 "casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."
- ...and super effective for casting down arguments (demonic affronts to the revealed Word and will of God) and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge (true information) of God. Bringing every thought into captivity (binding every carnal, fleshly, and sinful thought, disarming them and neutralizing them) to the obedience of Christ so that we are no longer led away as captives into sin, but instead are free to pursue obedience to Christ!

