

C. Walk in Wisdom

1. War in our Territory

High-ranking demons operate in the 2nd heaven, while lower ranking demons infiltrate our earthly world.

When a demon manifests in the earthly domain we have the power to deal with it. Then we can cast out.

Mark 16:17 NKJV – In My name they will cast out demons.

The angels war in the heavens but we war in the earthly domain.

2. Be Sober and Vigilant

1 Peter 5:8-9a AMP – (8) Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring in fierce hunger, seeking someone to seize upon and devour. (9) Withstand him; be firm in faith.

3. Resist the Enemy

James 4:7 AMP – So be subject to God. Resist the devil, stand firm against him, and he will flee from you.

Our greatest weapon of warfare is our obedience!

4. Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 AMP – (10) If you forgive anyone anything, I too forgive that one; and what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sakes in the presence and with the approval of Christ the Messiah. (11) To keep Satan from getting the advantage over us; for we are not ignorant of his wiles and intentions.

5. Draw Near to God– Intimacy!!!

James 4:8 AMP – Come close to God and He will come close to you.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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I. NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGES ON WARFARE

A. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NKJV

(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.

We wage war against mental bondages and strongholds.

B. 1 Timothy 1:18-19a NKJV – (18) This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, (19) having faith and a good conscience.

We wage war with our prophetic words which inspire us to hold fast to faith and live a clean life.

C. 2 Timothy 2:4 NKJV – No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

We wage war by keeping our lives clear of clutter, being single-minded, and staying committed to the call regardless of the cost.

D. James 4:1 NKJV – Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?

We wage war against the lusts of the flesh that come to destroy spiritual growth and development.

E. 1 Peter 2:11 NKJV – Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.

Again we wage war against the lusts of the flesh.

Romans 12:2 NKJV - 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.

Ephesians 4:23 AMP – And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude.

II. WARRING AGAINST THE DEMONIC

Ephesians 6:12 NKJV – 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.

A. Jesus is the Victor

Colossians 2:15 NKJV – Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

B. Proceed with Caution

1. Avoid Presumption

2 Timothy 2:4 NKJV – No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

Our mandate as soldiers is to fight the battles that the King calls us to fight. Not every fight is our fight, not every battle is our battle.

One of the greatest keys we have in spiritual warfare is intimacy.

Presumption is attached to self-importance.

2. Avoid Reviling

Jude 8-9 ESV – (8) Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. (9) But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not

presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

2 Peter 2:10-11 AMP – (10) And particularly those who walk after the flesh and indulge in the lust of polluting passion and scorn and despise authority. Presumptuous and daring, self-willed and self-loving creatures! They scoff at and revile dignitaries, glorious ones without trembling. (11) Whereas even angels, though superior in might and power, do not bring a defaming charge against them before the Lord.

1 Peter 2:23 NKJV – Who, when He [Jesus] was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously.

3. Avoid Binding Satan

Revelation 20:1-2 NKJV – (1) When I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. (2) He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

This is the only instant of binding of Satan recorded and is yet for an appointed time and then there will be the final judgment brought about by God alone.

Revelation 20:10 NKJV – The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

4. Avoid Elevating Satan

The problem with addressing demons in prayer all the time is that we end up practicing the presence of demons rather than practicing the presence of God.

If you examine the prayers of the New Testament and the prayers of the Apostles you will never see one of them addressing the powers of darkness, or Satan, or principalities and powers.