

# WE ARE ON THE WINNING SIDE

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE: ATTACKED NOT DEFEATED

### Personal Reflection Sheet

#### **1) FACE THE SPIRITUAL ATTACK**

##### **JAMES 4:7-10**

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

##### **PERSONAL: REFLECTIONS and RESPONSES**

*"My sheep listen to listen to my voice"*

##### **JOHN 8:42-47**

44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

##### **PERSONAL: REFLECTIONS and RESPONSES**

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**OTHER HELPFUL VERSES:** Genesis 3:14,15; Matthew 4:1-11 (Jesus tested in the wilderness)

**1 PETER 5:8,9**

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

**PERSONAL: REFLECTIONS and RESPONSES**

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**MATTHEW 24:42-44**

42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

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**OTHER HELPFUL VERSES:** Luke 21:12-19: Ephesians 6:10-17

**3) ERASE YOUR VULNERABILITY TO SPIRITUAL ATTACK**

**2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5**

3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 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.

**RALPH NEIGHBOUR** Strongholds (weaknesses). "A stronghold is a fortified place where a power has control. However, the power doesn't have total control only where the stronghold exists". For the Christian a stronghold is "an inner condition where Satan still has power to control".

**COLOSSIANS 3:5-10**

**PUT OFF:** 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

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**COLOSSIANS 3:12-14**

**PUT ON:** 12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

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**OTHER HELPFUL VERSES:** Galatians 5:16-26: Ephesians 4:20-32

#### 4) EMBRACE THE SPIRITUAL VICTORY OVER ATTACK

##### ROMANS 8:37-39

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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##### REVELATION 17:12-14

12 "The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. 13 They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. 14 They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."

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OTHER HELPFUL VERSES: 1 Corinthians 15:54-57: 1 John 5:1-5

##### **BOTTOM LINE**

We are on the winning side through the victory and power, of Jesus Christ, .

##### **APPLICATION**

Regular time with God is essential to be equipped to face the spiritual battle, to stand and to be ready for when Jesus returns.