Secret Weapons of Spiritual Warfare

II Cor. 10:3-6 “ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought unto the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.”

The Mission

Vs. 4 Pulling down strongholds of our enemies.

Vs. 5 Casting down evil and vain imaginations.

Vs. 5 Casting down every high and prideful element that exalts

Itself against God and his Word.

Vs. 5 Bringing every thought into captivity unto the obedience of Christ.

The Battlefield – Our Mind

Battlefield Logistics and Resources:

Supernatural spiritual weapons. (As opposed to natural carnal weapons)

These weapons are “mighty through God”. They include the mutual and dual

powers of the word of God and the God of the Word, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Battlefield Morale and Preparedness

Vs. 6 “And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.”

This verse reveals a true warriors’ state of mental and spiritual fitness necessary to fiercely and loyally defend Christs’ cause, having tasted the victory and glory of Christ enabled obedience. To taste defeat and shame after such victory becomes nonoptional. Suddenly, all that the warrior has been trained to be burst forth into an all out life or death assault of wrathful vengeance against any and all disobedience to the mission given by Almighty God in verses 4-5.

After these words have filtered into our soul by the ministering of the Spirit of Christ within us, would it not be appropriate to be totally transparent and sincere with our Lord in determining if we are truly prepared and loyal warriors for the cause of Christ? It is understandable that the answer to this question depends on our understanding of the truths of this passage and how to apply it. The purpose of this study is to set forth the dynamics found herein in such a way that our teacher, the Holy Spirit, can sanctify us to a greater degree of applicable knowledge, and thus more consistent victory in our daily warfare.

When the Spirit inspired the words, “we do not war after the flesh” in verse 3, he set forth the truth in the word “we”, that all believers are to participate in this war. He also knew and made it clear that the believer is not prepared to fight in this war if he is walking in the flesh. All believers must be walking in or after the Spirit for proper preparation and training. It is here and here only that our weapons will be mighty through God to accomplish the appointed mission. It must be remembered in this perpetual warfare that the enemies being engaged are the world, the flesh, and the devil! These formidable foes can only be overcome with SUPERNATURAL DIVINE STRATEGY AND POWER.

The heart of the mission and the primary campaign of this war is to pull down the strongholds and headquarters of these enemies that we have allowed to be built in our minds. This occurs when the believer allies himself with his enemies during the course of walking in the flesh, rather than walking in the Spirit. The believer or warrior is powerless and easily defeated when yielding his members as instruments of unrighteousness through sinful lust. We must always remember that, “WE DO NOT WAR AFTER THE FLESH”.

Paul’s Discovery of Victory

Paul experienced this in Rms.7:23 where we find his testimony of defeat in these words, “But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and BRINGING ME INTO CAPTIVITY to the law of sin which is in my members.”

In exasperation and defeat, Paul said in verse 24, “O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? It seems at this point in his warfare that he is battling powerlessly in the flesh, only to be defeated. It is interesting that the word “wretched” means miserable. The next time we find ourselves in this pathetic state of distress, we would do well to examine our warfare strategy. We should first determine whether or not we are warring after or in the flesh or Spirit. Next, we should review God’s mission directives and objectives in II Cor.10:4-5 and assure ourselves that we are engaging the enemy obediently.

Paul said in Rms. 7:25, “I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.” It would seem here that God heard Pauls’ humble and helpless outcry and enlightened the eyes of his understanding, according to verse 25, as he praises him for the deliverance and freedom from captivity from the body of the sins of the flesh through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Take special note of the words, “So then”. Paul seems to be saying that with this NEW enlightenment he NOW understands the underlying principles of how this warfare works. He goes on to say, “….with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.” The “I myself” in verse 25 is his inward man, also known as the new man or new creature in Christ. This new man came into existence by being born again by the Spirit. As he lives and walks in the Spirit, he serves and delights in the law of God. After being born again, we choose all too often to put off the new man, defying the law of God and delighting in carnal pleasures for a season. We find Paul saying in Ephesians 5:22-24 to PUT OFF the OLD MAN, and PUT ON THE NEW. In Rms. 13:14, Paul says, “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.” It is important to understand that when we make provision for, or provide for the desires of the flesh, we put on the old man. On the other hand, when we choose to PUT OFF the old man, we choose to put on the NEW MAN and in doing so, we PUT ON the Lord Jesus Christ.

We see in Rms. 7:25 in the words, “I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord”, that apparently the Spirit of truth revealed to him in some measure that victory in this spiritual warfare is achieved only in and through Jesus Christ our Lord. Only when he is living his resurrection life through us are we enabled to not only be in subjection to the law of God, but to delight in the law of God, being made free from the law of sin and from being brought into captivity.

Rms.8:7 says, “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” The carnal mind or the mind of the outward fleshly man, or old man, does not and can not delight in the law of God, neither indeed can it serve in the ranks of spiritual warfare, not being subject to the law of God. As we compare these truths with the truths in Rms.7:25, we see that Paul was beginning to see and grasp these foundational principles of the warfare between the new man and the old man, or perhaps otherwise stated, between the flesh and the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit develops these truths in a very personal, practical, and powerful way in II Cor. 10:3-6. Based upon these truths from Romans 7-8, it should go without saying that the weapons of our warfare in this hostile arena of mental and spiritual battle are not carnal but are sourced in Almighty God as we walk in the Spirit.

No Spiritual Welfare – No Spiritual Warfare

If we fail to consistently walk in the Spirit, we will fail to serve God with the mind of the new man, which is a spiritual mind, which IS SUBJECT to the law of God or the word of truth. The only other option is to PRETEND to serve God HYPOCRITICALLY, while according to Rms.7:25, our old man is serving the law of sin. Selah! It goes without saying that in this far to common and wretched condition, warfare for the cause of Jesus Christ is the last thing on the carnal mind. NO TRUE SPIRITUAL WELFARE, NO TRUE SPIRITUAL WARFARE!! If we are not walking in the Spirit, under the control of the Spirit of Christ, we are not well. We are not warriors but lifeless sick and anemic believers. We need a good dose of the BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST in our lives at the bloodgate.

This brings us to another consequence of not walking in the Spirit, and that being, we will consistently find ourselves brought into captivity and bondage to the law of sin and death which is in our members, according to Rms.7:23. On the other hand, if we would choose to walk consistently in the Spirit, allowing the weapons of our warfare to be mighty through God, we could bring every vain and evil thought that appeals to our lust, into captivity unto the obedience of Christ.

II Cor. 10:3-6 is God’s battlefield instructions that will keep us out of the Rms.7:23 prison house of shame and captivity to the law of sin which is in our members.

There Is Therefore Condemnation

The final consequence of failing to serve the law of God with the mind of the Spirit of Christ is God’s judgment and ensuing punishment. Rms.8:1 says, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” Condemnation is not only a judicial declaration or verdict of guilt, but a sentencing unto punishment as well. In the context of partaking of the Lord’s Supper, In I Cor. 11:28-34, Paul warned the Corinthian believers not to come together unto condemnation. It was because of their unworthy manner of fulfilling their carnal appetites through the elements of this spiritual ordinance. Their condemnation came because, though they were in Christ positionally, they were not walking in the Spirit of Christ practically, but after the flesh, which will always bring condemnation.

Paul, as good as told us in Rms.7:25 that the flesh will always serve the law of sin and death. He also told us in 7:23 that the law of sin wars against the law of our mind, which is the law of God, bringing us into captivity unto the law of sin and death. O wretched men and women that we are when we are walking in or after the flesh and the law of sin! Who shall deliver us from the body of this death, also known as the old man? Note that in verse 25 HIS ANSWER to this question is that deliverance is only through our Lord Jesus Christ. Great! Now we know who, BUT HOW?

THE ANSWER is found in Rms.8:2 where we find these words, “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, HATH MADE ME FREE from the law of sin and death.” O wretched man, herein is your deliverance! In chapter seven, Paul laid the foundation for understanding the great battle between the flesh and the Spirit. In Rms. 8:1, he reveals the gravity and the consequence of choosing to walk after the flesh, rather than after the Spirit. THEN, the Spirit reveals through Paul what is probably THE MOST DYNAMIC LAW ever given to man in the context of the great war between the flesh and the Spirit. This NEW LAW truly is God’s SUPER WEAPON!

There Is Therefore Freedom

God calls this law in Rms.8:2, “the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus”. This law stands in contrast to “the law of sin and death”. The spiritual impact of this law is that it makes us FREE from the law of sin and death, as well as free from the condemnation or God’s judgment on our sin. Never before in the history of mankind has a law been decreed by the Almighty that if obeyed and implemented would protect and enable the believer from being brought into captivity and bondage to the law of sin and death.

STOP! Did you read that last sentence or did you just skim over it while thinking about something else? Would you be so kind as to reread it? May I remind you of these words in Heb.2:1, “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at ANY TIME we should let them SLIP.” May I inform you that the word “ought” means, a binding necessity or a divinely imposed obligation. Pro. 2:1 says, “My son, if thou wilt receive my words….” The word “receive” means to take in or get a hold of for the purpose of use. God said in Heb. 2:1, “give the more earnest heed to” which means to give super abundant attention and consideration to. WHY? Because our God purposes for us to receive his word into our hearts and put it into use or practice. So, I ask again, did you read that last sentence CARELESSLY or with GREAT CARE? Don’t forget that the word “slip” in Heb.2:1 means TO ALLOW TO FLOW CARELESSLY BY. To put it simply, if we practice consistent application of the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, we will live FREE of the law of sin and death. Furthermore, as we obey our portion of this law by choosing to walk consistently in the Spirit, Jesus Christ will choose to do his part and live his resurrection life in and through us. It is here that we are enabled to live true and vibrant Christianity as it was meant to be lived. It is also here that we are freed from a lifeless form of godliness where there is no power therein.

Moving forward into Rms.8:3 and following the mind of the Spirit, we find him revealing in the words, “what the law could not do”, that the law could not bring forth righteousness, because of the weakness of the flesh. Being reminded from Rms.8:7 that the fleshly or carnal mind could never be in subjection to the law of God, we find why in 8:3 God said, “God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, condemned sin in the flesh”. By sending his Son, God did not eradicate the weakness of the flesh, but made it possible for mankind to have a new and divine nature with the power to overcome the weakness of the flesh. Can we not see now that sending his own Son was the only hope of delivering mankind from his sin, not only for salvation but for our moment by moment purification and sanctification? In the light of this truth we surely understand why it was non-optional for him to come in “the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin.” What a beautiful truth in Rms.8:3 that God sent his Son to CONDEMN SIN in the flesh. It would seem appropriate and irresistibly so, to couple the astonishingly beautiful words of Jn.3:16 which are, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, but HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.”

Keeping in mind that this is not a salvation context but a personal sanctification context, we should understand at this point that Jesus Christ came in the likeness of sinful flesh, yet without sin, taking upon himself all our sins, as well as God’s judgment on all our sins, making it possible for him to condemn sin in the flesh in our daily walk of personal sanctification and spiritual growth.

If I may run a short rabbit trail at this juncture, it is vital for the sake of consistent victory to understand that if we are walking in the Spirit, we can and should judge our own sins at the I Jn. 1:9 blood gate. I Cor.11:31-32 says, “For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.” If we choose to disregard Holy Ghost conviction and fail to judge our sins, though we will not be condemned with the world, we will be condemned in divine judgment in chastening. If we will obey the voice of Holy Ghost conviction and go straight to the blood gate of confession, he will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Immediately at this point, we will be walking in the light as he is in the light, walking in God’s presence and fellowship as though we had never sinned. If we choose to refuse to obey Holy Ghost conviction, we choose to walk in darkness with a carnal mind that is not subject to God or his word. Here, we await God’s certain condemnation, reserved for those who choose to walk in the flesh. We see this in these words from Rms. 8:1, “There is therefore NOW no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who WALK NOT AFTER THE FLESH, but AFTER THE SPIRIT. Paul said in Gal. 5:16, “This I say then, “Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.” It is essential to understand that when we choose to fulfill our lust, we are choosing to walk in or after the flesh, as well as choosing God’s condemnation. This condemnation or divine judgment which is God’s just duty and our just due will be promptly executed upon those that choose not to judge their own sins at the I Jn. 1:9 blood gate.

God’s Unprecedented Decree

LISTEN CAREFULLY! God does not want us to miss the fact that he had to send his Son to condemn sin in the flesh, in order to issue perhaps the greatest decree of spiritual liberty ever known to his people. This unprecedented decree of freedom is called in Rms.8:2 “The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus”. It is in essence Jesus Christ living his resurrection life through us in his very own Spirit. When we walk in the Spirit, Christ in us the hope of glory manifests his resurrection life of victory over the law of sin and death through his own presence and power. Furthermore, this is where we are made free from the law of sin and death. Selah! Let us ponder where we are in our walk. If we are willing to listen quietly and earnestly, the Spirit is willing to minister truth and guidance to our needy soul in lovingkindness in the form of reproof and conviction. A contrite and humbled response of surrender of our will and spirit allows God to grant us repentance and righteousness in the light of his presence in the throne room. Having put off the old man and put on the new man, we immediately begin walking in the light as Jesus is in the light, and Jesus immediately begins living his resurrection life in and through us in the person of his Spirit.

It is here that we both manifest and experience glorious, rather than shameful living. May we ask ourselves which one of these laws we are manifesting, or better yet, let the witness of the Spirit and the scriptures tell us.

If we will take the time to follow the mind of the Spirit from Rms. 8:3 to 8:4, God desires to enlighten the eyes of our understanding to the fact that he sent his Son to condemn sin in the flesh “That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” When we walk after the Spirit, we not only fulfill the righteousness of the law, but we fulfill the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus as well. So, we are in this walk not only made free from the law of sin and death but we are also fulfilling the righteousness of the law. Wow! How rich and glorious!

You might be asking, so what does this have to do with II Cor. 10:3-6. The answer is, everything! If we do not obey the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus by walking in the Spirit and warring in the Spirit, the weapons of our warfare will be carnal, rather than mighty through God. If Jesus Christ is not living his resurrection life through us, there is no hope of glory and victory but defeat and shame only. Furthermore, we will not have the desire or spiritual wherewithal to pull down, or totally demolish our enemies’ strongholds and headquarters in our minds. Not only will we be incapable of accomplishing this campaign directive and objective, we will be apathetic to the cause of Christ and be unequipped and powerless to cast down imaginations and bring every thought into captivity unto the obedience of Christ. We will instead be slaves of shame as we are brought into captivity and bondage by the world, the flesh, and the devil, to the law of sin and death.

Which law controls our life at this very moment? If it is not the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, it is quite probable that the Spirit is seeking right now to take you lovingly and gently by the hand, or perhaps by the heart, and lead you to the I Jn.1:9 blood gate, where our Lord is waiting to free you from the law of sin and death, as well as cleansing you from all unrighteousness. It is here at this new spiritual beginning that by divine design, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus will free you from the law of sin and death. It is here and now that you will be walking in the light of truth and in the presence of God, through his Spirit. It is also here that Jesus is truly the Lord of our humbled and surrendered will of repentance and will immediately begin living his resurrection life through his cleansed and righteous vessel.

Crossroad of Personal Revival

It is vitally important at this crossroad of personal revival to understand that from this moment forward your will must remain surrendered and under the control of the Spirit of Christ. Here, he is able to continue living his resurrection life through you, providing you with all the available spiritual resources to war against the very enemies that brought you into sin’s captivity. This should be a time of AWAKENING and AWARENESS that your enemies have and are continually developing a strategy to stir up your lusts through well designed enticements. It is also an appropriate time to face the fact that, while you are in a state of complete surrender to your commander and chief, you may as well enlist your will in the warfare that besets all of God’s children. By faith, you should at this critical crossroad of revival, with a biblical understanding of walking in the Spirit, accept the fact that this warfare is not fought after or in the flesh, but in the Spirit. You are in this state of strategical preparedness positioned to engage your enemies with a power that is only accessible through the use of his super weapon, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

To assure yourself of consistent victory you must become studied and trained from God’s mission directive found in II Cor. 10:3-6. In a diligent and disciplined manner, you must pull down the enemy’s strongholds in your mind and with a constant vigilance prevent him from building future strongholds. You do this by employing a keen spiritual awareness provided by Christ in you, your hope of victory and glory. Through a consistent and circumspect walk in his Spirit, he will enable you to detect the enemy’s movements and deceitful wiles. This spiritual sensitivity will alert you to any VAIN or EVIL THOUGHT that you should engage in battle, and bring into captivity unto the obedience of Christ. If you haven’t spent enough time studying God’s battlefield mission manual, or you simply haven’t had enough encounters with the enemy through this discipline or regimen of bringing every thought into captivity, thoughts may slip by your defenses and become imaginations. Your mission manual tells you how to handle this common occurrence in verse 5, where he instructs you to cast down these imaginations, to include images depicting yourself as exalted in any way above the truth of God or the God of truth. Pride as manifested through high mindedness will always say, “Yea, hath God said”. Lowliness of mind is a state of Spirit produced humility and sensitivity that detects and rejects vain and evil thoughts that would question or doubt God’s authority and his word. It is essential to understand that if you can defeat every vain or evil thought and bring them into captivity unto the obedience of Christ, the enemy is UNABLE to use those thoughts to form vain and evil imaginations.

The more we study, meditate, and apply these mission directives and objectives through the leadership and power of the Spirit of Christ, the more victorious our life becomes and the more glory God receives.

II Cor. 10:6 says, “And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.” This verse reveals to us that a true warrior possesses a spiritual and mental state of readiness. The idea behind the word “readiness” is that of a state of preparedness through diligent and disciplined instruction, as well as a development of combat skills through battlefield engagements. Such training and experience, coupled with a fierce loyalty to the cause of Christ, produces a compelling to respond immediately and decisively in a spirit of vengeance to any form of disobedience to the directives and objectives of one’s God given mission.

Our Divinely Imposed Obligation

As we near our closing, let us deeply consider a few afterglow thoughts that will help lock in our spiritual understanding of the great responsibility and privilege that we NOW HAVE of committing our love and loyalty to our Father and his Son. This entails our ordained mission that starts with bringing every thought into captivity unto the obedience of Christ and comes to fruition in the pulling down or demolishing of enemy strongholds.

Heb.2:1-3a says, “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation …….”?

What does our Father see as the responsibility of his children that have received instruction regarding these life preserving truths about spiritual warfare? Look closely at the words “ought to”. The concept here is that it is a BINDING NECESSITY and a DIVINELY IMPOSED OBLIGATION to give the more earnest heed to the word of God that has been heard. The words “more earnest heed” carries the meaning of giving SUPER ABUNDANT ATTENTION and CONSIDERATION to. It involves a DEEP LOOKING INTO and MEDITATING upon, for the purpose of prompt obedience to. Do we understand that this is the will of God concerning each one of us, as though we are the only child God has? If God says it, he expects prompt obedience! Obedience is doing what we are told to do, when we are told to do it, with the right heart attitude. The words “lest at any time we should let them slip” in Heb.2:1 means perchance or in danger that at any time, we should allow the word of God to flow carelessly by. There is a clear and present danger that our “AT ANY TIME” could be NOW! What will YOU do with your Father’s words that are spoken directly to YOU, as though you are his only child? Are his words of life and victory not ringing in your spiritual ears by the witness of the Holy Spirit?

As a preacher or teacher presents the word, our teacher and revealer of truth, the Spirit of truth, bears witness to the truth and seals the truth in the hearers’ heart. IMMEDIATELY, it becomes a binding necessity and a divinely imposed obligation to not just be a hearer, but a doer of the word. Part of this binding necessity is to give super abundant consideration to the truths that are sealed in one’s heart, for the purpose of prompt obedience through immediate application. May our Lord help us through PRESENT OBEDIENCE to not allow these life transforming principles to flow carelessly by.

If we have any doubt about our divinely impose obligation, we need to give super abundant attention and consideration to these words from Heb. 2:3, “How shall we ESCAPE, if we NEGLECT so great salvation;”. Interestingly enough, the word “neglect” means to be careless of, or to make light of. The gravity of this offense in the mind of our Father, who is yet holy and just, is found in the words, “How shall we escape”. The implied answer is that God will not allow us to escape his judgment for this great offense. Another doable and possible answer to this question is found in these words from I Cor. 11:31, “For if we would judge ourselves, we SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED.” Isn’t it just like our Abba Father to make a way of escape for his beloved children?

One Thought at a Time

The final yearnings of my heart, burdened with concern for the spiritual welfare of my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ compels me to plead with you to deem these truths of such value, that you will determine to chew on these truths like a cow chews the cud. Think of this as an extended slow effort, seeking to extract all the available nutrition that will benefit your spiritual growth and welfare. Meditate on as many possible scenarios as the Holy Spirit brings to your mind, the benefits to your spiritual growth and welfare of bringing into captivity your FIRST THOUGHT. Start with your weaknesses such as anger, jealousy, illicit sexual desire, envying, covetousness, etc…. What if you obeyed God through his word, trusting Christ through his Spirit, to prompt you when the first thought of anger or envying comes in your mind? If you would choose to follow that prompting through your sensitivity to the Spirit, developed by practicing an awareness of walking in the Spirit, thus bringing that thought into captivity, what would be the result? Can you not see that the sky is the limit so to say! In time, through diligent and disciplined use of these principles, you will soon begin to realize what it means to say, Christ in you the hope of glory, as you apply the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus not only to the arena of spiritual warfare, but to every aspect of your engagement with life on this earth. As the Spirit enlightens the eyes of your understanding, and he is ready and willing if you are, you will by faith in the written word begin to see victories on the horizons of every area of your life, ONE THOUGHT AT A TIME.

One thought at a time, we can deny the wedding of our lusts with unholy enticements that brings forth the birth of sin! How? By bringing the first thought into captivity. One thought at a time, we can banish discouragement or depression from our life. Do we or do we not have the power available to us, when walking in the Spirit, to capture and rid ourselves of any discouraging and depressing thought? How? Stop it when the first thought enters our mind. Is it possible to have a worry free life that flies in the face of our loving and caring God? Yes, it is, one thought at a time. If we are simply walking in the Spirit, we can by faith acknowledge the person and power of Christ, who is living his life through us, to engage and bring our thoughts into captivity for us. “Now thanks be unto God, which ALWAYS causeth us to triumph in Christ”! (II Cor. 2: 14)

It stands to reason that our God will always cause us to triumph in Christ if we will choose to engage the enemy with his super weapons. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus is the super weapon that employs the person and power of the Spirit of Christ or of the HOLY GHOST to fight our battles through us, by simple faith in the written word. The employing of the written word of God or the sword of the Spirit is our only hope of consistent victory as we are so frequently tempted to yield or surrender our members to our insatiable lusts.

Tried and True Technique

A tried, and true technique regarding the use of the sword of the Spirit is found in Matthew 4:1-17. We find here that when Jesus himself was faced with Satan’s temptations, he simply quoted the Word of God against him. Having used this technique for years and many times a day, I readily and joyfully testify of an amazingly consistent level of triumph in our Lord Jesus Christ! This is a battle strategy, not to be declared as instant or easy in every encounter. There are indeed engagements with anger, sexual lusts, envy, worry, and such that have so much power over us, that we must use the sword of the Spirit by quoting scripture to counterbalance the power of the lust and evil powers that be. If we learn to engage our enemies at the thought level or even at the imagination level, we can quote II Cor. 10:5 against the thoughts and imaginations with CONSISENT VICTORY. I find that many times, I have conquered the thought or imagination by the time I complete the quotation of the verse. It may be found at times, because of the intensity of the engagements, that quoting this whole passage on spiritual warfare and perhaps other passages will be required to banish our thoughts and imaginations and defeat our enemies. This CAN and WILL BE be an experimental technique that leaves you standing in AMAZEMENT at the POWER of the word of God when ministered correctly by the Holy Spirit. TRULY the BATTLE IS THE LORD’S when he lives his resurrection life through you in the person of his Spirit. “Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ”.