

How to Recognize When You're in a Spiritual Battle

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Scripture References:

- Ephesians 4:1, 2
- Ephesians 6:12-18, *NLT*
- 2 Timothy 3:12
- Ephesians 6:12
- 2 Corinthians 10:5
- Isaiah 40:27-29, *NLT*
- Psalm 55:22, *NLT*
- Psalm 28:7, *NLT*
- Romans 12:15, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 10:12-14, *NLT*
- 1 John 4:4
- Hebrews 13:5, 6, *NLT*
- Job 3:25
- 2 Corinthians 4:8-10, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 12:9, *NLT*
- Psalm 30:5
- Luke 10:19

Summary:

*Believers need to know about fighting in the spiritual realm. When something bad happens, it's a mistake to assume that it happened because we've done something wrong. There is a devil loose in the world, and he is targeting us; his intention is to steal, kill, and destroy. This enemy is real and will fight us every step of the way to prevent us from walking the worthy walk God asks of us. It is therefore imperative to know that we are at war. We must not only defend ourselves, but also go on the offensive using God's Word. Putting on the Word in the same way we put on armor gives us the supernatural level of protection we need to deal with an enemy who has **already** been defeated but doesn't want us to know it. Faith in God's Word—and a willingness to use it as a weapon as needed—keeps Satan at bay so that he cannot harass or terrorize us.*

Notes:

1. We are members of God's royal family; He helps us model our behavior. We are called to be the righteousness of God and walk accordingly.
2. There is an unseen world that runs concurrently to the physical world that we can see; this is where Satan operates. Satan is at war with all believers. Being aware of this is essential for our survival. We are not fighting other people, but the spiritual forces influencing them.
3. The mind is the battlefield in spiritual warfare. To break us down, the enemy attacks our minds through fatigue, stress, temptation, fear, and despair. The devil uses fear and despair to get us to cave in and quit. Fear to Satan is like faith to Jesus.
4. Even when we are in the midst of something the enemy has brought, God will not allow it to last indefinitely; Jesus has given us authority over the enemy.

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