

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Ephesians 6:10-20

Human nature is like a drunk peasant. If you lift him into the saddle on one side, he will fall off on the other side. ~Martin Luther, Luther's Works vol. 54, Table Talk page 111

Balance is that elusive point we pass through on our way to another extreme. ~credited to Warren Wiersbe

There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight. ~C. S. Lewis, Screwtape Letters page ix

It is perilous to study too deeply the arts of the Enemy, for good or for ill. But such falls and betrayals, alas, have happened before. ~J. R. R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring page 265

• 2 Timothy 2:22-26

Today unfortunately ... a great deal of fiction, superstition, fantasy, nonsense, nuttiness, and downright heresy flourishes in the church under the guise of "spiritual warfare". ~David Powlison, Power Encounters page 13

WE ARE AT WAR.

1. God's Word _____ we are.

• 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, 1 Peter 5:8

2. It has been going on for a _____ time.

• Genesis 3:15



3. It is for _____.

• Ephesians 2:1-3, Colossians 1:12-13, 1 Corinthians 6:20, Luke 9:23

Our enemy's supreme goal is to exert moral lordship. He sabotages both truth and love if he can conform us to his image. Our Lord's goal is also moral lordship, making us like Christ himself by the power of the Spirit and the truth of the Word. ~David Powlison, Power Encounters page 18

➤ Spiritual warfare can be summed in one single word, lordship.

➤ Where am I allowing the enemy to be, and living like he is, lord of my life?

4. We live in _____ territory.

• 1 Peter 2:11, Philippians 3:20, Ephesians 2:1-2, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 1 John 5:9, John 12:31

5. It is _____.

• 2 Corinthians 10:3-4, 2 Kings 6:15-17

➤ How often do I forget I am at war, because the battles and the enemy are completely unseen?

6. It has _____ been won.

• Colossians 2:13-15, John 12:31

Starting today, am I going to choose to live like I am at war, choose to have a wartime mindset?

