



How things fit together in the Kingdom

Spiritual Warfare

My journey, as I mature as a son, has been propelled by my desire to enter into spiritual reality, not to have more knowledge. This has given me entry into more understanding and experience of the reality of the Kingdom than I would have if it was just a theology or the direction Father is taking his children in this time in history.¹



Spiritual warfare against a spiritual enemyⁱ must be done the Kingdom way.² That warring is primarily done using our authority as a son.ⁱⁱ We have great authority, so much so, that the enemy has no solution to it.ⁱⁱⁱ All he can do is keep scheming, plundering, attacking, jabbing, poking, etc., to make us ‘drop our guard’.^{iv} When we do that, we actually surrender to him. (It’s strange that we weren’t taught that.)

Remember, all we need to do is to stand our ground^v and resist the enemy,^{vi} and he will cease and desist. It may not happen immediately, but it will happen. If he delays in ceasing, it’s his tactic to see if we really mean to resist him,^{vii} and as well, if he can ‘wear us down’.

Paul listed our spiritual weapons,^{viii} most of which are defensive ones.^{ix} These allow us to protect ourselves from the enemy’s attacks. They all relate to what we believe, who we are and how we live. We must know what these represent, because they’re not religious ideas or allegories.

Of course, we do have an attacking weapon which is the Trinity’s word to us, especially those we receive for a situation. It’s not the Bible, it’s the word that ‘God’³ speaks,⁴ right now. It’s *rhema* words,⁵ not written words.^x

Our other offensive weapon in Paul’s list is praying in the spirit^{xi} (praying in tongues)^{xii}. When we do this as the Spirit leads us, we speak to Father perfectly in line with his will and plans. This technique stops us trying to twist his arm to do things our way when we’re battling the enemy. Our ways aren’t very successful, so praying in the Spirit is very powerful.

READ: “How to Put on Your Spiritual Armour”

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In addition to Paul’s list, the following are the weapons and tools we use in the Kingdom when handling enemy obstructions and attacks. These are spiritual principles which are used by sons to conduct themselves defensively in spiritual reality rather than using symbolism, religion and following the teachings of men.

1 – My personal journey statement

2 – “Warfare the Kingdom Way”

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3 – ‘God’: I use this term in inverted commas because ‘God’ is the generic term people use, while I don’t any more. I have an intimate relationship with the members of the Trinity, so I refer to them by name out of relationship.

4 – “The Word’ Comes FROM God”

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5 – “Faith Comes from the Rhema Word”

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They are:

1. **Jesus' victory** – Jesus, our King, received all authority in Heaven and on Earth after his sacrificial death and resurrection.^{xiii} He said, “Therefore...”^{xiv} and commissioned us to take the Gospel of the Kingdom in his authority to all the world. His authority while we do his will, under the direction of the Spirit through *rhema*, cannot be counteracted by the enemy.
2. **Spiritual Authority** – We have spiritual authority as sons, fathers, parents, overseers, as well as some in our workplace. When we stand in that authority the enemy can't act against us. It curtails him operating in the environment and people around us. This authority must be known, understood, aligned with and appropriate for it to work. (*Read these articles for the full picture.*⁶)
3. **Sonship Identity** – **Our main weapon is our identity as a son.**⁷ When we stand in this and operate as a son is supposed to, we are most of the way towards defeating the enemy in our lives. This entails resisting him and what he's doing. That's a proactive response, but it's done in rest, so it doesn't wear us out.
4. **Peace** – The Kingdom works through peace, but the enemy operates to produce chaos and fear. Jesus demonstrated this when he calmed the storm saying, “Peace, be still”^{xv}. Maintaining your peace in the presence of chaos and evil will place you on ‘solid ground’ to ‘hold the line’.
5. **Trust** – Faith pleases Father.^{xvi} However, our faith can be misplaced so that it becomes foolishness or presumption.⁸ It's best to implicitly trust Father, rather than to operate in the faith that you generate yourself. After all, that's what the heroes of faith did.^{xvii} When we fully trust him, we can let him do what he wants with us and to take us where he wants to take us. This aligns us with his mind and his plans which will always work in our favour against the enemy. This brings peace to our lives.
6. **Rest** – On top of trusting Father, we must rest in that trust. That is, we take our hands off our lives and let him be in the driving seat. Trust and rest are both required to enter his peace. Added to that is to relax. That's relaxing in Father's ability to oversee our lives perfectly, so our minds switch off thinking about how we can control our situations and circumstances.
7. **Drinking the Living Water** – This refreshes us and invigorates us for the day ahead when it's done each morning. It also focuses on what's important, so we move away from negativity and concerns, the areas where the enemy likes to operate in our mind. (*Read these for more information.*⁹)
8. **Positivity** – Being positive, without being ridiculous, is just being like Father. He's always positive, never negative. Negativity, of course, makes us operate in alignment with the enemy, not Heaven. When we are negative, we submit to the enemy and allow him to manipulate our lives. Father told me: “No regrets. No disappointments.”¹⁰ I discovered that these caused me to be negative and they brought chaos into my life. (*“The Power Of Positive Thinking”¹¹ by Christian author Norman Vincent Peale¹² in 1952 is a useful resource on this.*)
9. **Forgiveness** – Unforgiveness produces negativity, bitterness, anxiety, and much, much more. These negativisms are the ‘playground’ of the enemy, so they give him access to make life worse than it really is. Forgiveness clears the slate when it's accompanied by the release of the person causing the hurt. Release equates to this: “I release you from owing me any apology or recompense for what you did or said”. This is the final and important step so that negativities are not given room to ‘grow’.
10. **Non-aggression** – Aggression is a tool of the enemy. Humility, graciousness and gentleness are

6 – canberraforerunners.org/?page_id=5054

7 – “Are We Sons or Servants?” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Are-We-Sons-or-Servants.pdf

8 – “5-Faith, Foolishness & Presumption”

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9 – “Drinking of the Living Water Each Day is Vital”

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“Living Water Brings Wisdom, Joy, Peace and the Way Forward”

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10 – “No Regrets, No Looking Back”

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11 – www.amazon.com.au/Power-Positive-Thinking-Norman-Vincent-ebook/dp/B098R8LMPP [2021 edition]

12 – He served as the pastor of Marble Collegiate Church, New York, from 1932 until 1984, leading a Reformed Church in America congregation.

Kingdom characteristics. Aggression puts you in a place of working for the enemy, so stopping it prevents him from using you.

11. **Love** – Father’s love is better than our own love because it’s unconditional. When we imbibe and release his love, it shields us from the hurts and pain of life so we don’t become negative.
12. **Self Assessment** – Assessing ourselves keeps a check on any evil in your life. Identifying sin, turning to Father’s way and asking for forgiveness will help keep the enemy at bay. (*Read these for more information.*¹³)
13. **Self-responsibility** – Take responsibility for yourself. Don’t ‘fob it off’ to others by blaming them for what’s happened or looking to them to fix your life. We’ve been given autonomy to rule our lives by our Creator. The enemy knows that, which is why Nachash¹⁴ used that tactic to attack Adam and Ezer. Even after The Fall, humans retained their autonomy, which is why they can choose to do evil if they like to. Satan’s temptation of Jesus^{xviii} was all about testing his strength in standing on his identity, his sonship and Father’s plans for his life. Take note: He took responsibility, and he didn’t pray for help.

One of the most important unwritten weapons we have is this: NO FEAR.¹⁵ Fear is a tool of the enemy which he uses to gain access. There’s no fear in the Kingdom,^{xix} so that should be the give-away that it needs to be eliminated.¹⁶

Another weapon we can use is to have the correct mindset. If we focus on being in a battle all of the time, we’ll be worn down. That’s why our focus must be on the King, the Kingdom and the King’s plans. We’re here about his business, and that means warring his way, when he says and how he says.

On top of our spiritual weapons and tools we use to defeat the enemy's attacks we need to use the ancient city method which kept attackers at bay: **Shut the gate**. Despite our power and authority as sons, we can open the 'gate' to provide the enemy with a portal of entry through areas of unrighteousness in our lives. Any unrighteousness gives him access, just like Adam’s simple submission to Nachash’s¹⁷ invitation was the cause of The Fall.

When we drop our guard, we are abdicating our authority and the 'door' is left unprotected for the enemy to gain access. This is his chief mode of operation. We must get that. We must make righteous living our primary military tactic. That’s everything we think, do and say, as well as our attitudes and heart desires.

Even more than that, any areas of our lives that aren’t healed from emotional hurts will provide his easiest port of access. Emotional pain, unforgiveness, bitterness, hate, anger, etc., are all works he helps create in us which are 'keys' to open the 'door' so he can bring his chaos.

Jealousy, pride, arrogance, regrets and disappointments mightn’t be greatly detrimental to those who are outside the Kingdom, but for those desiring to grow and mature, they are weaknesses in our defence.

You should be able to see by now how the admonition to live righteously is not to restrict us, but it’s for our protection. Therefore, when sinful weaknesses give him access, deal with them immediately. Get healed. Live righteously.

NOTE: I learnt resistance when I was in my youth. I was physically bullied all through high school, up to

13 – “Self-Assessment is One of the First Principles Of Sonship”

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“Evaluate Your Spiritual Condition” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Evaluate-Your-Spiritual-Condition.pdf

“Assess Yourself When You Speak” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Assess-Yourself-When-You-Speak.pdf

14 – READ: “The Big Picture of the Kingdom 2”

canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/The-Big-Picture-of-the-Kingdom-2.pdf

15 – “Nothing is Done Out of Fear in the Kingdom”

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16 – “Fight Fear” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Fight-Fear.pdf

17 – SEE: “Scripture Must be Read in Cultural Context”

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year 10. Eventually, I learnt to defeat bullies by not reacting when they physically picked on me. They gave up immediately when I stopped reacting to them and I was able to go about my remaining high school education in peace from that time on. That's just how it is with our spiritual enemy.



Know who you are as a son, focus on what matters, protect your 'back', maintain your peace, resist his attempts to gain ground, use your offensive spiritual weapons, and don't let him 'get under your skin'.

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- vii – James 4:7
- viii – Ephesians 6:13-18
- ix – Ephesians 6:13 (AMP, CEB, WEB)
- x – Matthew 4:4 “every word that proceeds **from** the mouth of God” (*rhema* is spoken, active words)
- xi – Ephesians 6:18
- xii – 1 Corinthians 14:14-15; Jude 1:20
- xiii – Matthew 28:18
- xiv – Matthew 28:19-20
- xv – Mark 4:39
- xvi – Hebrews 11:6
- xvii – Hebrews 11:4-40
- xviii – Matthew 4:1-11
- xix – Luke 12:7