

Spiritual Warfare and the Principles of War

One of the big issues of the Kingdom, at the present time, is the lack of military preparedness of the saints.¹ They are so concerned with the issues in their life and the issues facing the world, that they have taken their eyes off the proper focus – i.e. the King, the Kingdom and the King’s plans. They’ve also dropped their guard and failed to operate in the King’s army as soldiers, warriors or generals, according to the role that’s been given to them.

This has not been overlooked by our Sovereign leader:

“This week I had a dream and I heard the Lord say "The greater the battle, the bigger the miracle" and when he spoke these words I felt such expectant hope being released in the dream. I felt such an increasing demonstration of the power of God to turn impossibility on its head.

In the dream I could also feel the weariness of many saints and many have been saying "the battle has been SO great" and the Spirit of God was bringing comfort to these ones as they have been in such major battles. At the same time I could feel the Spirit of God bringing a perspective shift. It was a move of his Spirit to bring his people higher into his perspective. he was inviting them to see as he sees, to not magnify the battle but magnify him. To magnify his name and to magnify his power that is going to explode forth.

I could feel the heart of God so strongly in this dream, the battle has not been for nothing. The enemy has come to steal, kill and destroy² but there has been a move of the Spirit of God within the battle to fortify and strengthen his people in faith and rooted deeply in his word³ and in his nature.

I could feel the Spirit of God strongly encouraging his people that they have not been in the battle ill-equipped. They have not been in the fire that has been turned up seven times hotter, alone. The fourth man in the fire has been with them in the fire. The Lord is wanting to bring the perspective shift that not only are the miracles that he is performing and going to perform, will far outweigh the intensity of the battle, but he is also wanting to bring a perspective shift that he has been with them and is with them in the midst of battle and that they already have all things in him to walk as the overcomers that they are, in him. Many have felt like they have been dying in the battle, but Jesus by his Spirit has been bringing them to a deeper place of finding him in the battle. Finding he is true life in the midst of battle. he is true peace in the midst of the battle. he protects in the midst of the battle. he strengthens in the midst of the battle.

The enemy has been working so hard to get many distracted in the midst of battle to see how “big” the battle is or how “intense” the warfare has been, and it has been intense, BUT it is not greater, it is not bigger, than our God.

I heard the Lord say, "Lift up your eyes, lift up your eyes, lift up your eyes". There is such a ploy of the enemy to get many caught in this place of distraction and then feeling the heaviness of the season, but he is inviting his people deeper into a place of fortified peace, life, joy, strength, faith and hope, in him.”⁴

On this matter he said to me some years ago:

“This is a time of total devotion to me and my purposes. The time for holidays and ease are past. We are in preparation mode, but my people are in pleasure and busyness mode. The two can't exist together if my plans and purposes are to come to pass in this nation. They are my driving force, but the force has gone out of them. How can I take over the kingdom of darkness and implement my will if my soldiers and workers have abandoned me? Yes, abandoned me. They have chased after other lovers and interests and left me 'high & dry' without a team. Yes, this is drastic! Do you see it?”⁵

1 – Check out the articles in my webpage ‘Military Matters’ canberraforerunners.org/?page_id=8741

2 – John 10:10

3 – Everything he says to us personally.

READ: “‘The Word’ Comes FROM God” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/The-Word-Comes-FROM-God.pdf

4 – EXTRACT: Lana Vawser (4-6-2022) “I Heard The Lord Speak In A Dream ‘The Greater The Battle, The Bigger The Miracle’” lanavawser.com/i-heard-the-lord-speak-in-a-dream-the-greater-the-battle-the-bigger-the-miracle/

5 – MY PROPHETIC JOURNAL: “38-All I am Wanting is Compliance” (16-12-2016)

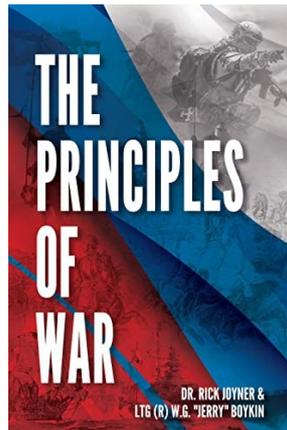
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Operating in the King’s spiritual army is critical for every son. But, the problem is not just involvement, it’s warring appropriately. **We must put away the techniques of Christian spiritual warfare and follow the lead of the King which he gives each of us directly by his Spirit.** In any war, following the officer’s directives implicitly is paramount for the success of every campaign. We always neglect that principle, because we follow religious methods or we just want to ‘do our own thing’.

Rick Joyner is one person who’s very aware of our responsibility to know that we’re in a spiritual war and that we need to operate there as warriors. In an interview, he explained his understanding on this from his study of military history and from what he’s been taught through visitations. Watch his video:

VIDEO: “Are You Ready for War” youtu.be/tVtYyuMmrM4

Rick teaches on the principles of warfare to any group who want to listen and learn. He’s also co-authored a book ‘The Principles of War’⁶ on the topic, which is based on Carl von Clausewitz’s 1812 book ‘Principles of War’.



→ Why not get Rick’s book and read about how to use good strategy in your spiritual warfare.

Here are some pointers on military strategy from Clausewitz’s book by Willie Pietersen:

“To excel at strategy, we must first understand what it is:

‘The talent of the strategist is to identify the decisive point and to concentrate everything on it, removing forces from secondary fronts and ignoring lesser objectives.’ (Carl von Clausewitz)

Clausewitz lays out here a powerful definition of strategy. Let’s unpack Clausewitz’s definition by examining its key words:

Identify: *Good strategy always starts with a situation analysis to create a deep understanding of the competitive environment and our own realities. The military mantra is, “intelligence precedes operations.”*

The decisive point: *Here he refers to what I call the winning proposition — the central animating idea around which we must organize all our decisions and activities in order to outperform our competitors. Once we have identified this, it’s all about focus and determination.*

Concentrate: *Note here the words “concentrate everything” — not only our physical resources, but also the hearts and minds of our people. To quote Basil Hart, the military historian: “All the lessons of war can be reduced to a single word: concentration.”*

Remove: *Every new thing we choose to do subtracts effort from everything else we do. Making choices therefore means deciding what we will not do. These subtractions are the toughest decisions of all, but ducking them can be fatal. The most dangerous choice of all is not choosing.*

6 – Rick Joyner (2021) “The Principles of War” www.amazon.com.au/Principles-War-Rick-Joyner-ebook/dp/B09MG9X84K

Ignore: *A winning strategy requires a disciplined mind and a steadfast character. No distractions; no sideshows. We must always keep the main thing the main thing.*

Clausewitz's definition gives us the theoretical superstructure for thinking and acting strategically. All elaborations are subplots of this central theme.”⁷

NOTE: There are some pointers on military strategy direct from Clausewitz's book in the APPENDIX at the back of this article.

IMPORTANT: The main thing with our spiritual warfare is to do it the Kingdom way⁸ as you follow our King as he leads.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

APPENDIX

Here are some pointers on military strategy direct from Clausewitz's book:⁹

(a) General Principles

- 1. Warfare has three main objects:
 - (a) To conquer and destroy the armed power of the enemy;
 - (b) To take possession of his material and other sources of strength, and
 - (c) To gain public opinion.
- 2. To accomplish the first purpose: Always direct principal operations against the main body of the enemy's army or against an important portion of their forces. Only after defeating these can the other two objects be achieved.
- 3. To seize the enemy's materials, operations should be direct our against the places where most of these resources are concentrated.
- 4. Public opinion is won when great victories are achieved and the enemy's capital is occupied.
- 5. The important rule to accomplish these 3 purposes, is to use the entire force with the extreme energy, otherwise the aim is not achievable.

7 – Willie Pietersen (2016) “Von Clausewitz on War: Six Lessons for the Modern Strategist”

www8.gsb.columbia.edu/articles/ideas-work/von-clausewitz-war-six-lessons-modern-strategist

8 – “Warfare the Kingdom Way” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Warfare-the-Kingdom-Way.pdf

9 – SOURCE: “Principles Of War” (1942 Translation)

clausewitz.com/readings/Principles/Clausewitz-PrinciplesOfWar-ClausewitzCom.pdf

- 6. The second rule: Concentrate as much power as possible against the enemy's army where the main impact are to be delivered.
- 7. The third rule: Never waste time, unless important advantages can be gained from waiting. Surprise plays an important role in strategy.
- 8. The fourth rule: Follow up successes with vigorous energy.
- 9. The first rule makes the other three possible.
- 10. Always reappear with new masses of troops.
- 11. The provisioning of troops is essential in warfare.
- 12. Establish depots of supplies in the rear for unexpected emergencies and to enable the concentration of forces at certain points.

(b) General Principles For Offense

- 1. Select one point of the enemy's position for an attack.
- 2. Attack an enemy wing from the front and from the side, or by completely turning it and attacking it from the rear.
- 3. Even if our forces are strong, attack one point only.
- 4. The plan of battle must be directed towards driving the enemy from the battle field.
- 5. Attack the wing of the enemy from all sides, so they get discouraged and become disorganised.
- 6. Attack the section of the enemy's army whose defeat will provide decisive advantages.
- 7. In defence and attack, don't stop until the purpose has been achieved, so long as resources are available.
- 8. Completely avoid long and unbroken lines of troops.
- 9. Don't direct forces from a central location. Give each commander of a division their directions and goal, and leave it up to them.
- 10. A well-organized, independent corps can withstand attacks for some time.
- 11. The surprise attack is one of the strongest weapons of offensive warfare.
- 12. The surprise attacks are the best way to get the most out of a very small army.
- 13. Being unfamiliar with the terrain when attacking opens you up to many risks.