

Spiritual Instruction Manual

Main Text

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The WORD of GOD is our instruction manual; providing us guidance and instruction for daily living, providing warnings and cautions to help us, and for successfully defeating the enemy!

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.- NKJV

1. Instructions for Daily Living

God's Word has not and will not change! It is applicable for all of life's challenges!

Psalms 119:89

Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. (NIV)

Isaiah 40:8-

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

2. Warnings and Cautions

1 Peter 5:8-9 "Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. 9 Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world". (CSB)

2.1 Blindness

- a. When we become blind to God's direction and purpose for our lives...sin can overtake us.
 - i. Romans 1:21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give Him thanks. And they began to think up foolish

ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. (NLT)

- ii. Romans 1:25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served what has been created instead of the Creator, who is praised forever. Amen. (CSB)

b. Blinded by Sin

- i. 2 Corinthians 4:4 Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

2.2. Busy

- a. Matthew 13:22 Now he who received seed amongst the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. (NKJV)
- b. Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and He will give you everything you need. (NLT)
- c. 2 Timothy 2:4 Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. (NLT)

2.3. Broken

- a. John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." -(NIV)

When we are broken...whether it's a diagnosis, a loss of a loved one, divorce, loneliness..trauma...it doesn't matter we can become vulnerable.

- b. Psalm 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds (NKJV)

3. Instructions to Defeat the Enemy

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (NIV)

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Ephesians 6:10-13

10 A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. (NLT)

2. Employ Spiritual Countermeasures

1. Employ means to actually use, fire, or activate the system to engage a target or to execute it's combat function

1. In military systems there are multiple types of countermeasures - flares, chaff, frequency jammers. Many of these are used to confuse or trick the enemy.
2. When you are in a spiritual battle there is nothing that confuses the enemy more than standing firm and declaring God's Word!

1. I may seem to be boasting too much about the authority given to us by the Lord. But our authority builds you up; it doesn't tear you down. So I will not be ashamed of using my authority. (2 Corinthians 10:8 NLT)

3. Another type of countermeasures is RF Jamming - deliberately sending a high power radio frequency on the same level as the threat to overwhelm, block or disrupt it...

2 Chronicles 20:22

Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. (NKJV)

Joshua 6:4-5

Have seven priests carry seven ram's-horn trumpets in front of the ark. But on the seventh day, march around the city seven times, while the priests blow the rams' horns. 5 When there is a prolonged blast of the horn and you hear its sound, have all the troops give a mighty shout. Then the city wall will collapse, and the troops will advance, each man straight ahead." (CSB)