

The Word: Your Offensive Weapon

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We are in a fight; a spiritual fight. The Word of God is our offensive weapon.

"Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon." Ephesians 6:13-17 (Message)

"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6: 17 (NIV)

- 1. What role do you see God's Word playing in spiritual warfare?
- 2. How does the Word function as a sword in the spiritual battle?

Jesus modeled using the Word of God against the schemes of the enemy. Read Matthew 4:1-11.

- 3. How did Jesus use the Word to silence the enemy?
- 4. Have you ever used the Word of God to silence the enemy?

The word of God is the offensive weapon that is always effective.

• The Word of God never fails.

• The Word of God is powered by God.

• The Word of God has authority over the enemy.

Isaiah 55:8-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

2 Timothy 3:16-17

5. Do any of these truths strengthen your confidence in the Word?

Your weapon does you no good if you do not know how to wield it. You cannot use the Word of God if you do not know the Word of God. You need to practicing daily how to use the Word.

- 1) Read the Word
- 2) Pray the Word
- 3) Speak the Word
- 4) Obey the Word
- 5) Allow the Word to challenge you
- 6) Allow the Word to change you
- 6. Which of the above do you practice regularly?
- 7. Share a time you used the Word in spiritual battle.
- 8. Which of the above do you need to put into practice?

"By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises (His Word). These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires."