

# Weapons Of Our Warfare #1

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## 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

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Worldly wars

‘vs’

War of the heavenlies

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In order to war with the weapons God has given us...We must understand the stakes and the nature of our battle!

- **Domain** – Realms of Light ‘vs’ Darkness
- **Battleground** – The spiritual realm. The earth, the church, the minds of men
- **Stakes** – Humanity, creation, Glory on earth(when not if)
- **Tactics & Weaponry** – Found in Bible along w/keys to victory

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Our Bibles teach us that though we walk in the flesh we **do not war** in the flesh.

And:

Our battle is not against flesh and blood but against principalities against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ~Eph 6:12

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Does our understanding of the war and the reasons we are in it effect;

- The way we approach the battle?
- One's individual commitment as a soldier?
- One's world view?
- The way we see what others are going through? Victories? Setbacks? Attacks?

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Let's talk a little bit about The battleground(s)

Francis Frangipane in his book "The Three Battlegrounds" refers to the battleground of:

- The Mind
- The Church
- The Heavenly Realms

I would add a fourth - "The Earth"

# The Mind

- **God wants us to have:**
  - The mind of Christ
  - The renewed mind - Content and “spirit” of...
  - A mind filled with the Knowledge of Him
  - Filled with Godly wisdom
  - Filled with Godly understanding

# The Mind

- **The adversary wants us to be carnally/worldly minded.**
  - Blinded to the gospel (2Cor 4:4)
  - Understanding darkened to alienate us from the life of God (Eph 4:18)
  - Sense knowledge rather than revelation which comes through faith

# The Mind

## 1 Peter 1:13-16

Therefore **gird up the loins of your mind, be sober**, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

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## 1 Peter 5:6-9

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

**Be sober, be vigilant;** because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

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## Ephesians 1:15-19

Therefore I...do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him the eyes of your understanding being enlightened that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe,

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## 1 Corinthians 2:10-12

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, **not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.**

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## 1 Corinthians 2:13-16

These things we also speak, **not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches**, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God**, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, **because they are spiritually discerned**. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" **But we have the mind of Christ.**

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## Jude 20

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

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Finding and developing the mind of Christ is one of our Christian objectives.

When we continue, we will look in more detail at how we obtain this objective.

For now we recap:

Your mind is a primary portal/gateway into, or from the spirit realm.

Your mind is a primary battleground being fought for in order that it may be used for advancing the thoughts, values and beliefs of either light or darkness. You are the only one who can control what lives there!