

“SPIRITUAL WARFARE: THE UNDEFEATABLE POWER OF MATURITY”

Ephesians 6:11 . . . *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **STAND** against the wiles of the devil . . .*

I. What are we lacking – “The Maturity to Stand”

- It Requires Ministers

Ephesians 4:11–12 . . . *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ . . .*

- It Requires *Unity of the Faith* and *Knowledge of Jesus*

Ephesians 4:13 . . . *till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...*

- It Results in Maturity

Ephesians 4:14-15 . . . *that we should no longer BE CHILDREN, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may GROW UP IN ALL THINGS (Maturity) into Him who is the head—Christ—*

- It Preserves our Freedom

Galatians 5:1 . . . **STAND FAST** therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, **AND do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.**

II. Where is the Battle fought – “In Your Mind”

“WHATEVER GETS YOUR MIND – GETS YOU”

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- It is against the “WILES” of the Devil

2 Corinthians 11:3 . . . *But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

- It's your choice

Romans 12:2 . . . *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

III. What can we lose – “Our Ground”

Ephesians 4:27 . . . *nor “GIVE” place to the devil.*

Ephesians 6:13 . . . *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to WITHSTAND in the evil day, and having done all, to STAND.*

- Would you give him your Spiritual blessings

Ephesians 1:3 . . . *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ . . .*

- Would you give him your Adoption

Ephesians 1:5 . . . *having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will . . .*

- Would you give him your Redemption and Forgiveness

Ephesians 1:7 . . . *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace . . .*

- Would you give him your Inheritance

Ephesians 1:11 . . . *In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will . . .*

- Would you give him your Security in Salvation

Ephesians 1:13 . . . ***In Him*** you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise . . .

Mark 8:36–37 . . . ***For what will it profit a man if he GAINS the whole world, and loses his own soul? 37 Or what will a man GIVE in exchange for his soul?***