

Series: You Asked For It!

Title: Who am I fighting? (Building & Battling)

Text: (Eph 6:10-18)

How can our lives can be so respectable on the outside, but hollow on the inside.

(Acceptable Christian Sins) or (Sins Christians Accept as Normal)

Illus: There was a very large oak in my back yard In WV that looked about 300 years old. Probably 5 feet in diameter at its base. It being the tallest around and looking very healthy did not stop lightning from striking it and knocking it down to its base. My sister who still lives on the neighborhood went to count the rings because we had grown up around that tree. She was surprised to find that it was hollow inside, Nothing to count. It looked good on the outside, but was hollow on the inside.

- How can we keep in step with the spirit even on the days/ times when we feel like we're tired/weary and just want a break?

- How can we fight off spiritual warfare and satan's distractions especially at times when it feels like our hearts are distant from God?

Why does it always seem like I am in a Struggle?

Why can't I change my life?

Why can't I be spiritual when I always seem Tired & Weary?

Who am I fighting? (Eph 6:12) Not Flesh and Blood.

Spouse, Neighbor, Mother In Law, Kids, Co-Workers, Etc?

Acknowledge that your are in a Spiritual Battle:

(Eph 6:12,16)

Identify Your Enemies: (Who They Are)

Devil: God of this World

World:

Flesh:

Understand Your Enemies: (How They Operate)

What their Objective is:

When they attack you:

Where they attack you: Mind

Why they attack you:

How they attack you:

Devil: Blinds the Lost.

Uses the World to Entice our Flesh.

World: Philosophy

Flesh: Lusts

Discern: Know which one is attacking you.

Anticipate: Know How their Attacks Works.

Thwart: What is their Kryptonite?

Devil: Our Faith in God.

World: The Truth of God's Word.

Flesh: Power of the Holy Spirit

Defeat Your Enemies: (Eph 6:10-18) Armour of God

“HAVE A DAILY TIME WITH GOD”

(Rom 8:16)

(1 Cor 2:9-11)

1. I have to deal with my sin daily: (1 Jn 1:9)

2. Have a Daily Time With God: (Ps 119:18)

3. Each day I ask God to give me His message for me

today. (Ps 1:1-6)

(Josh 1:8)

(Psalm 119:11)

(Psalm 19:14)

4. Prayer Time:

(I John 2:15-17)

5. There are three more things I want to ask God about.

First: Who does He want me to witness to today?

Second: I then ask him who He wants me to encourage today?

Third: I ask God what I can praise Him for today?

6. You must learn the submission principle.

(James 4:7) *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

(Romans 6:12-19)

(Phil 4:4) *“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.”*

(Phil 4:4-9)

(James 4:7)

How does God speak to you through the verses?