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# **SPIRITUAL WARFARE 3**

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# LESSON TOPIC REVIEW

- **Week 1:**      **What is Spiritual Warfare**  
**The Battle of the Mind**  
**Successful Deliverance**  
**Gift of Discernment**
- **Week 2:**      **Aspects of Spiritual Warfare**  
**The Spirit Realm**  
**Exposing the Enemy**  
**House Made of Thoughts**  
**Breaking Strongholds**

# **SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT**

**(SLIDE 1 OF 2)**

- **The Spirit will speak in dreams, visions, and prophetic words but much of what will be revealed will actually come through our capacity to perceive correctly.**
- **The scriptures tells us that Jesus perceived the thoughts of men “in His Spirit.” So also with us, if we will move in divine discernment, our view of life must be purged of human thoughts and reactions.**

# **SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT**

**(SLIDE 2 OF 2)**

- **The beginning of true discernment will not come until we crucify our instincts to judge. This takes months, and usually years of uprooting all thought-systems that have not been planted in the divine soil of faith and love for people.**
- **Spiritual discernment is the grace to see into the unseen. It is a gift of the spirit to perceive what is in the spirit. Its purpose is to see into the nature of that which is veiled. We must be conscious that Christ's goal is to save and not judge. The judgmental carnal mind sees the image of itself in others.**

# PROTECTING YOUR HEART THROUGH WORSHIP

- **Without true worship of God, there can be no victory in spiritual warfare. What comes out of our hearts during times of pressure was in us, but hidden during times of ease.**
- **If we are true worshippers, your spirit will exude worship to God no matter what battle you are fighting. In warfare, worship is a wall around your soul.**
- **Generally speaking, the essence of who we are is made of events and how we responded to those events. Those events we remember the most have shaped us the most**

# **BEWARE OF THE STRONGHOLD OF COLD LOVE**

**(SLIDE 1 OF 2)**

- **Is your love growing and becoming softer, brighter, more daring, and more visible? Or is it becoming more discriminating, more calculating, and less available. This is important for Christianity is only as real as your love is.**
- **A measurable decrease in your ability to love is evidence that a stronghold of cold love is developing within you. I want to make it perfectly clear; there is no such thing as love without commitment.**

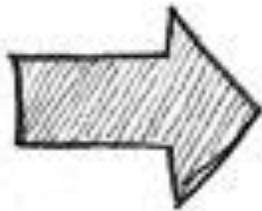
# BEWARE OF THE STRONGHOLD OF COLD LOVE

(SLIDE 2 OF 2)

- The measure of your love is found in the depth of your commitment. How often I have heard people say, “I have loved once, but I was hurt.” Or, I was committed to the church but they used me.
- People withdraw from being committed, never realizing their love is cold. It may not seem like they have become cold, they still go to church, read the bible, tithe, sing, and look like Christians but inside they are distant and cold.



WORDS



CREDIBILITY  
GAP



ACTIONS



EMOTIONS

# SATANIC ATTACK ON CREDIBILITY

## JOHN 10:10

- **V10:** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
- The goal of the enemy is to steal our credibility,
- The goal of the enemy is to kill our credibility,
- The goal of the enemy is to destroy our credibility,
- If something is credible it is believable. A credible witness is one whose testimony is trustworthy. One's life and words line up together.

# OBSERVATIONS ABOUT CREDIBILITY

(SLIDE 1 OF 2)

- **1. Credibility is earned over a long period of time.**
- **2. Credibility is not about what you do or what you say. It is about who you are on the inside.**
- **3. You cannot fool the people closest to you forever.**
- **4. Your ministry will have lasting impact in direct proportion to the credibility of your own life.**

# OBSERVATIONS ABOUT CREDIBILITY

(SLIDE 2 OF 2)

- **5. The great enemies of credibility are pride, arrogance, isolation, and excessive self-confidence.**
- **6. The more gifted you are the more successful you are, the easier it becomes to fake your way through life.**
- **7. Credibility once lost is very difficult to regain.**

**R I G H T E O U S**  
**H O N O R A B L E**  
**T R U T H F U L**  
**B L A M E L E S S**  
**G R A C E F U L**  
**U P R I G H T**  
**D I S C I P L I N E D**  
**F A I T H F U L**  
**H O L Y**

# SATAN COMES AFTER YOUR INTEGRITY

## DANIEL 6:1-4

- **V3:** Daniel distinguished himself by his exceptional qualities.
- **V4:** They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.
- You can tell a lot about a person by the quality of their enemies. Daniel must have been a good man because he had the right kind of enemies. The people who hated Daniel were no friends of God.
- The people that hated Daniel came after his faith because they could find no fault in him, and they had no answer for what Daniel believed.

# THREE MARKS OF INTEGRITY

(SLIDE 1 OF 2)

- **1. Daniel was faithful in his duties.**
- **2. Daniel was faultless in his character.**
- **3. Daniel was fervent in his prayers.**

# THREE MARKS OF INTEGRITY

(SLIDE 2 OF 2)

- **The people who watch you can tell if you work hard at your job. They know what kind of character you have. And if they watch long enough, they will learn whether or not you are a person of prayer.**
- **Whatever is in your heart will come out sooner or later, and people who don't know the Lord will know the truth about you.**
- **Sometimes we act like unbelievers are stupid. They aren't stupid at all. Unbelievers may have trouble understanding the spirit, but they can spot a phony a mile away.**

# GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

## Christian Soldier Checklist

- Breast Plate of Righteousness
- Belt of Truth
- Shield of Faith
- Helmet of Salvation
- Sword of the Spirit
- Feet prepared with the Gospel



Ephesians 6:11-18

# DOING RIGHT IS NO GUARANTEE OF ANYTHING

(SLIDE 1 OF 2)

- **V4:** at this the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. V5 finally these men said, “we will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of God.
- Suppose someone hired private investigators to look into every aspect of your life, public, and private, past and present, what would they uncover?

# DOING RIGHT IS NO GUARANTEE OF ANYTHING

(SLIDE 2 OF 2)

- **Suppose they check out your: (high school & college records, phone calls, internet usage, favorite TV programs, tax returns, business deals, treatment of family, shopping habits, financial records, past relationships, bedroom, sexual habits, vacation habits) Could any of us survive that kind of scrutiny?**
- **Everything has changed but Daniel, he is in a pagan world but it has not changed his faith.**

# PERSISTENT PRAYER

## The Widow

She Would  
Not  
Take No  
As An Answer

She Was  
Persistent  
At Requesting

Someone  
Had Taken  
Advantage  
Of Her  
( Her Inheritance)

Bible Times  
Were Very Hard  
For Widows With  
No Sons  
(They Became  
Beggars)



She Had An  
Adversary  
( We Have  
Adversaries)

She Didn't  
Let  
Discouragement  
Stop Her

Did She  
Pray Day And  
Night?  
God Turneth  
(The Hearts Of  
The Unjust.)

# INTERCESSORY PRAYER

- **Intercessory prayer is spiritual defiance of what is in the name of what God has promised. Intercession visualizes an alternative future to the one apparently fated by the current forces and situations.**
- **Prayer infuses the air of a time yet to be into the suffocating atmosphere of the present. History belongs to intercessors who believe the future into being.**
- **This is the power of hope. Hope envisions its future and then acts if that future is now irresistible, thus helping to create the reality for which it longs. The future is not closed. Intercession changes the world and it changes what is possible to God.**

# PRAYER AND FAITH

- **Praying is rattling God's cage and waking God up and setting God free and following God wherever God goes. When we pray, we are not sending a letter to a celestial White House, where it is sorted among piles of others.**
- **We are engaged, rather in an act of co-creation, in which one dimension of the universe rises up and releases a power that intersects history.**
- **Faith is not a feeling or a capacity we conjure up but trusting that God can act decisively in the world. So if we have faith like a grain of mustard seed—that is if we have any faith at all we should not blame ourselves when our prayers go unanswered.**

# DANIEL'S PROBLEM V10

- Daniel only had one flaw. He was so predictable! Every day he prayed with his windows open. He just kept doing the same things over and over .
- Because Daniel prayed everyday and he was predictable he developed an utterly predictable faith and that is what got him in trouble.
- Daniel's haters watched Daniel and came up with this ingenious plan in order to trap him. They convinced the King to issue a decree that anyone who prayed to any god or any man except the King himself for 30 days would be thrown into the lion's den.

# DANIEL'S DEVOTION HABIT

(SLIDE 1 OF 2)

- **What do you do when you discover that your enemies have passed a law aimed at one person, and you are that person? It is like walking around with a bull's eye on your shirt.**
- **How you respond at that point tells you a great deal about your character.**

# DANIEL'S DEVOTION HABIT

(SLIDE 2 OF 2)

- **V10:** Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.
- Daniel it is believed to have been 85 years of age. If he prayed 3 times a day that means he prayed 93,000 prayers. An 85 year habit is hard to break. Daniel just went ahead with his daily devotional routine.

# **SPIRITUAL WARFARE - THE REAL LION'S DEN**

**(SLIDE 1 OF 2)**

- **Daniel's bedroom was the real lion's den. That is where the battle was fought and won. By committing himself to continuing in prayer, he won the only battle that mattered.**
- **When Daniel won the battle in prayer the real lions were no problem. We think the real miracle was that Daniel survived a night with the lions. That is a miracle for sure, but the greater miracle was that he continued to pray when his life was on the line.**

# SPIRITUAL WARFARE - THE REAL LION'S DEN

(SLIDE 2 OF 2)

- So what do you do when they call for the lions in your life? **1 Peter 5:8-9**. Don't change a thing, keep on serving the Lord, keep on doing right, keep on living for Jesus, and then let the chips fall where they may.
- Daniel was not afraid to die, the fear of death keeps many of us paralyzed in the time of crisis. You will not die one second before your appointed time, and you will not live a second longer either.



# THE LORD'S DELIVERANCE V16-18

- That night the King didn't sleep well, but Daniel slept like a baby. The king tossed and turned, paced the floor, refused all offers of entertainment, and even refused to eat.
- Early the next morning the King rushed to the lion's den, hoping that Daniel had somehow survived. When all is said and done it is better to be a child of faith in a lion's den than to be a king without God in a palace.
- Daniel had learned how to rest in his faith and rest in God. Daniel's faith wasn't about to change because he knew that God rescues and saves.

# LESSONS FOR MODERN DAY DANIEL, DANIELLES

(SLIDE 1 OF 3)

- **1. You can endure spiritual warfare. You can make up your mind to serve God, you can do it even in the center of a secular environment. Stop complaining. Stop playing the victim card. Stop talking about how hard you have it.**

# LESSONS FOR MODERN DAY DANIEL, DANIELLES

(SLIDE 2 OF 3)

- **2. God can use us to touch unlikely people when we are faithful to him. Daniels credibility and integrity had a powerful effect on King Darius. While it was true many of his colleagues envied Daniel and plotted to kill him, it is also true that Daniel made a huge impact for good on the mightiest man in the world at that time. Not every unbeliever hates believers**

# LESSONS FOR MODERN DAY DANIEL, DANIELLES

(SLIDE 3 OF 3)

- **3. God is able to deliver his people from any danger they face. If God can deliver Daniel from the lion's den, he can surely deliver you. That same God is sovereign over those who plot against you. And he is sovereign over the lions who surround you.**

# BE OF GOOD CHEER

- **Do not fear your enemies and do not fear what they can do to you. All you need is predictable faith. Someone is watching you! But the greater news is that someone is watching over you.**
- **In the days to come we will face hostility, and attacks from within and without in one form or another. Those who serve the lord never have an easy road in this world.**
- **Look at Daniel, in him we see both the burden of an utterly predictable faith. He got in trouble because of his faith, and he was delivered because of his faith.**