



Spiritual Warfare – Overcoming the Enemy

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I. The Nature of Spiritual Warfare

- There is a battle between two kingdoms - _____ and _____.
 - God created us that we might live with him, _____, for eternity.
 - Satan desires to steal, kill, and destroy us. To _____ from God.
 - *Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*
- There are no _____ in this war. (Matt 12:30).
- Spiritual warfare is _____, and is more common than you might think.
- If Satan can cause us to be afraid, we are _____ in the Kingdom of God. (2Tim 1:7)
- Satan's intention is to keep us in _____ (in separation), in a false identity.

II. God's Intention for How to Live

- The Garden of Eden (Gen 1-2)
 - Model _____ of God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit.
 - Everything _____, God to us, us to creation, and everything declared good.
 - God would be _____ in all aspects of our lives. This was His intention.
- Something went wrong - Adam and Eve were deceived by Satan (Gen 3:1-5)
 - Satan was tempting Eve to think: Can I be enough with just _____, who God made me to be?
 - The root of deception was planted, and the fruit was _____.
 - The eating of the fruit was _____ from the source – from God.
- Two Worldviews
 - The Separation Worldview
 - Pillar 1: Scarcity: There is _____ to go around.
 - Pillar 2: Certainty: The world must be _____.
 - Pillar 3: Perfection: We cannot afford to _____.
 - Pillar 4: Self-Interest: I must only focus on _____.
 - The Connected Worldview
 - Pillar 1: Abundance: There is _____.
 - Pillar 2: Mystery: Life is an opening to the _____.
 - Pillar 3: Fallibility: It is okay to _____.
 - Pillar 4: Common Good: It is about the good of the _____.

III. Equipped to Overcome

- The mind is the battlefield
 - Satan is attacking our _____ - who God made us to be.
 - What are we allowing to enter our _____? (Ps 101:3-4)
- We overcome by submitting to God and resisting the devil. (James 4:7)
 - We submit to God by _____ and His Word.
 - Even when it seems _____, trust He will be enough for you. (1Cor 10:13)
 - God allows trials because they _____ us.
- We overcome through prayer.
 - Our battle is ultimately fought _____. (Phil 4:6-7)