

USE YOUR SWORD OF THE SPIRIT Part 2

The Sword of the Spirit

Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:13-17 (NLT2)

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

- Offensive Weapon
- Defensive Blocking
- Close Encounters

The Way of the Warrior of the Word

God's Means of Communication

Moses said this about the tribe of Levi: "O LORD, you have given your Thummim and Urim—the sacred lots—to your faithful servants the Levites. You put them to the test at Massah and struggled with them at the waters of Meribah.

The Warrior of the Word Receives God's Instruction and Acts in Faith

God commands, and the warrior follows orders
God empowers, and the warrior moves forward

Obedience to God's Word

The Levites obeyed your word and guarded your covenant. They were more loyal to you than to their own parents. They ignored their relatives and did not acknowledge their own children.

The Warrior of the Word Obeys and Guards

*God's instructions are trusted and obeyed
God's promises are believed and defended*

Active Proclamation, Praise, and Worship

They teach your regulations to Jacob; they give your instructions to Israel. They present incense before you and offer whole burnt offerings on the altar.

The Warrior of the Word Strikes the Enemy by Exalting God and Honoring Him

- *God is made known; God's people are taught and instructed*
- *God is communicated to with prayers of praise, and thanksgiving and requests rise as incense*
- *God is honored by the warrior's full dedication*

Work that Hits the Enemy

Bless the ministry of the Levites, O LORD, and accept all the work of their hands. Hit their enemies where it hurts the most; strike down their foes so they never rise again."
Deuteronomy 33:8-11 (NLT2)

The Warrior of the Word is Effective in the Strength of the Lord

- God directs the blows of the warrior to take down the enemy
- God blesses the faithful warrior of the word with effectiveness

Use Your Sword of the Spirit

- Raising your issues to the highest importance while relegating God's spiritual battle to the side allows the enemy access to you, your family, and your church. Use your sword!
- Returning to worldly attitudes and actions in relationships, resolving problems, and reaching conclusions will give the devil the win. Use your sword!
- How many times have you tried to stand on your own and not use the sword of the Spirit?
- What kind of spiritual sword training have you done in the last few weeks?