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Angels and Demons Part 1

I. We should be ready for spiritual battle.

A. Be **aware**.

“...in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.” (II Cor. 2:11b)

B. Be **self controlled** and **alert**.

“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for some one to devour.” 1 Peter 5:8

C. Be **strong** in the **Lord**.

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.” Ephesians 6:10

D. Be **armed**.

As servants of God, Paul said he served God and his people, “in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left;” II Corinthians 6:7

What is in our spiritual warfare arsenal?

1. The **Word** of God.

“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

2. The **blood** of the **Lamb**.

“They overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb” Revelation 12:11a

3. Our **testimonies**.

They overcame the Enemy “...by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.” Revelation 12:10b

4. **Prayer**.

“...The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

5. **Holy Spirit power**.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;” Acts 1:8

At home this week:

1. What parts of our spiritual armor are you most effective with? Least effective with? What impact does this have on you and/or your marriage and family?

2. Is there some area of your life that is not going as you would hope? Have you stopped to consider that spiritual warfare may be involved? How will this realization change your approach to the challenges you face?

3. What role do you think spiritual warfare plays in the current state of our nation?

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