

ADVANCED TRAINING

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WARFARE PRAYER

Jesus accomplished all victory at the cross. The enemy was totally defeated positionally, but it is up to us, both as individuals and as the body of Christ, to manifest this victory in our lives. To begin with, we must know who and what our enemy is.

Ephesians 6:12

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the **rulers of the darkness** of this age, against **spiritual hosts of wickedness** in the heavenly places.

These are spirit beings that do not sleep, so our warfare can be almost continuous. As we understand more and more of the revelation concerning the “age to come”, or the immortal church triumphant, it becomes the priority of the enemy to defeat us. So what do we do? What is our part? I Thessalonians fifth chapter verse seventeen gives a short, but precise, answer.

I Thessalonians 5:17

17 pray without ceasing,

As in any time of prayer, we must open in praise. One, we need His presence and the word says He is enthroned in the praises of Israel. And two, praise releases the spirit of prophetic revelation showing us who the enemy of the moment is and how God wants us to move in prayer to defeat it. The prophetic gifting of the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary for us to do victorious warfare. Word of Knowledge tells us what the problem is, Word of Wisdom tells us how to pray to solve it, and discernment of spirits discloses what evil force is behind it all so we can loose its assignments from us.

MIRACLES

For truly good prayer there must be miracles. Satan has had much time and the leeway to ruin most areas of our life, holding us in bondage to sickness, poverty, bad relationships etc. But, with God all things are possible, and it is His desire that His children succeed, so our prayer can overcome these things. Miracles are for today. There are a few conditions however.

Mark 11:22-24

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, “**Have faith in God.**

23 “For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, Be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but **believes that those things he says will be done**, he will have whatever he says.

24 “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

James 1:6-8

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord

8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Mark 11:25

25 “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

We must not doubt, be double-minded, or hold anything against anyone. For the miraculous to work, the flow of power from God’s realm must not be broken by human weaknesses such as resentment, bitterness, lack of forgiveness, jealousy, envy or whatever. Miracles flow from God to this physical earth through love.

UNITY IN PRAYER

Proverbs 16:28

28 A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends.

We must be focused to do good warfare. Satan's forces will do all in their power to divide God's people. For instance, as life goes on, people are chastened, shaped and molded, yet there should be no division in this. Leadership is instructed by God to love enough to correct, and so those being corrected must receive the correction in the spirit it was meant. There should be no division as these situations happen, and there won't be if we are all focused on the Kingdom. Leaders want to raise up vessels to be the very best for God, and His people should want to be the best they can be for the Lord. There is unity in that thinking. The greatest of prayers are destroyed by division. In fact, nothing works, no strategy can succeed where there is disharmony. Satan understands this much better than we do. This is why he causes us to see each others weaknesses and faults. Satan knows it breaks the power that flows through love and that we will lose.

In **John 17:20-23** Jesus said:

20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

21 "that **they all may be one**, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

22 "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that **they may be one** just as We are one:

23 "I in them, and You in Me that they may be **made perfect in one**, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

In **Luke 11:17** again Jesus said:

17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: “**Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.**

Even the evil will succeed if united, as unity is a spiritual law to success. Look at how the evil ones built the Tower of Babel and a city God did not approve of. Number one, how did God stop it? He confused their language, they could not understand one another and division came about. Had God not done this, let us look at what could have been in Genesis 11:6.

Genesis 11:6

6 And the LORD said, “Indeed **the people are one** and **they all have one language**, and this is what they begin to do; **now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.**

This law of unity is true for the righteous as well as they do warfare. Think of the success in prayer if God’s people were united under His blessing, and governed by that same Kingdom spiritual law! **Nothing** would be withheld!

THE PRIDEFUL ARE NOT GOOD IN PRAYER

Good and productive warfare prayer is executed through your whole being. All is involved. Your attitude, emotions and actions, should be geared towards winning!

We must forget how we look and how we sound to battle successfully. When we are at war in the natural realm, do we care what others think of our actions, how we are dressed, or what our hair looks like? No, we roll up our sleeves and go at it! It should be the same in our supernatural battles in Prayer. Jesus chastened the religious leaders of His day for pride and long, stuffy, ineffective prayers. He said they actually shut the Kingdom up for men rather than opening it, and its blessings, to them.

Matthew 23:13-14

13 “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

14 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.

Shouting at the enemy and crying out to God as in real warfare prayer embarrasses the prideful. They do not want to look silly, even for God! You can't be in neutral and win battles for the Kingdom however, so we must forget what we look or sound like and humbly do what the Spirit tells us to do. The spiritual law in James 4:6 automatically defeats the prayer of those that operate in pride.

James 4:6

6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”

So clap, shout, cry out loud, weep, get mad, forget your pride and get the victory!
The humble possess the land.

WARFARE PRAYER IS NOT FOR THE WEAK

Matthew 11:12

12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.”

It is necessary to keep on slugging at prayer long enough that we are taken seriously by both God and the enemy. Only those that are diligent, and persevere, achieve their goal. Those that are fainthearted and faltering, with minds that doubt, will never shed the burden that was placed on them to pray in the first place. Its easy to get weary, but if we push through hard enough and overcome the obstacles Satan lays before us, we will end up the winner. God wants us to reach for the highest things, for the best, but only a certain warrior type will fight hard enough in prayer to obtain the victory.

Matthew 7:7-8

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be

opened to you.

8 “For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

These are persistent prayer warriors that know God’s will on a matter and stand firm until that will and their desire is met!

We must war extremely violently when in combat with the enemy. Confrontive opposition must be expected against powers and principalities for there to be any kind of penetration. This is not child’s prayer, this is all out war!

THE SION WARRIOR

God’s warriors are not the normal status quo, nor are they anything like the religious, formal church. They take a firmer stand, war with a different music, believe in the miraculous and in the power of the Holy Ghost. They bring confusion, agitation, and upheaval through prayer and praise to the systems of man. They firmly believe the kingdoms will become their Father’s, they believe in Kingdom rule, and they sure believe that the authority that has been given to them is more than sufficient for victory.

Luke 10:19

19 “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and

over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

This scripture also means that nothing can stop them! They believe they are equipped, armed, and able to subdue. Did you know the definition of believe is: to trust in, have faith in, be fully convinced? Well these prayer warriors are all of the above. They trust, have faith, and are fully convinced they can do all things through Jesus. They trust the scripture at Romans 10:11.

Romans 10:11

11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

Here are some other scriptures that are the backbone of who they are.

John 12:31

31 “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

I John 5:19

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

I John 4:4

4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

So, we must passionately “press in” through warfare prayer and unafraidly confront our enemies, expect miracles, reach out to those drawn to God’s army and fight to allow the Kingdom of God to penetrate the world’s systems with boldness and courage. This is the heart condition of God’s Sion Warriors. Through violent spiritual prayer, they expect victory.