

The Resurrected King

Wielding The Sword

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ... Take the helmet of salvation **and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.** (Ephesians 6:10-11, 17)

Spiritual Warfare

The Sword of the Spirit

For the word of God is alive 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)

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Two Essential Truths

1) Jesus' Sword _____ With _____.

In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

(Revelation 1:16)

I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

(Psalm 119:11)

2) _____ Jesus' Sword _____ Putting _____.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." (Matthew 16:22-23)

One of the reasons so many of us are losing our battles is that we have turned to human resources, methods, and philosophies to try to do battle against someone who is not human. Paul didn't say "take up your sword;" he said, "take... the sword of the Spirit" and do battle with it. Even with your best intentions, you cannot compete with an enemy who is fighting in a capacity you or I could never function in. The only way to defeat this enemy and walk in a life of victory is according to God's prescribed means. ...

It is simply because we have not believed in the power of the dagger that we don't see the enemy sliced and diced as he ought to be. There is so much power in the sword of the Spirit that God gave it to us as the only piece of offensive weaponry in the entire armor. Maybe this sword is the only offensive piece in the collection because it is the only offensive piece necessary. (Tony Evans, *Victory In Spiritual Warfare*)