

Spiritual Warfare In Practice

Last week we discussed: (2) Destroy every proud obstacle. Scripture Theme: "We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. And after you have become fully obedient, we will punish everyone who remains disobedient." (2 Corinthians 10: 4-6, NLT).

This week we look at...

(3) Destroy every proud obstacle.

Note here that pride is the underlying issue: "every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God..." (2 Corinthians 10: 5). Pride is the way of the enemy and the very things that caused Lucifer to be cast from Heaven. (See Isaiah 14: 12-14). It separates us from God and says, "I do not need Him." Psalm 10: 4 tells us, "In his pride the wicked does not seek [God]; in all his thoughts there is no room for God." (NIV) Here again is where spiritual warfare is waged. Through pride we open ourselves to spiritual assault.

Pride manifests itself when we insist on doing something that opposes what God's Word says not to do. We can know the truth and still have pride rise up within us. We destroy pride through humility before the Lord. Pride causes us to attempt to lift ourselves up; humility enables the Lord to lift us up. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up" (James 4: 10, NKJV).

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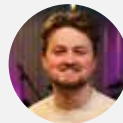
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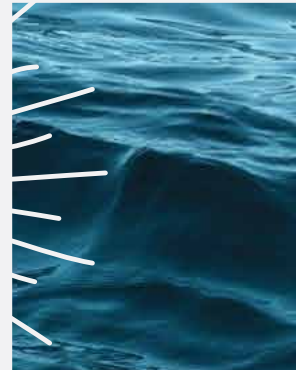
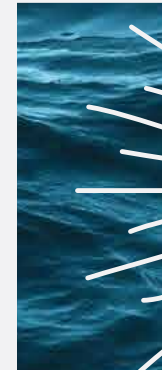
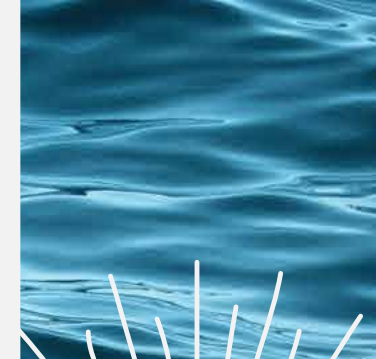
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