

# Spiritual Warfare

Full Armor of God

*Lesson 04*

## Strategic Planning Be Strong in the LORD

Ephesians 6:10-18

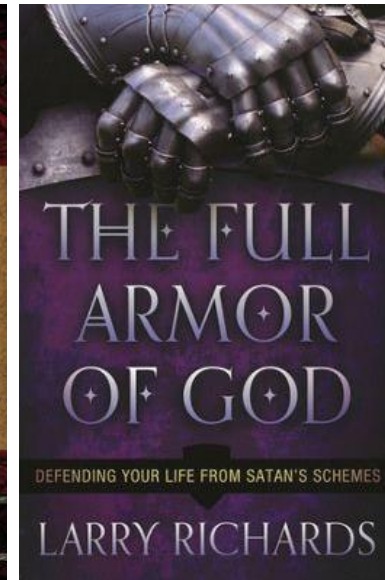
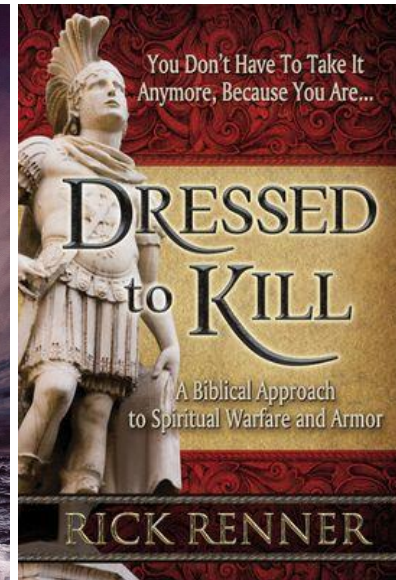
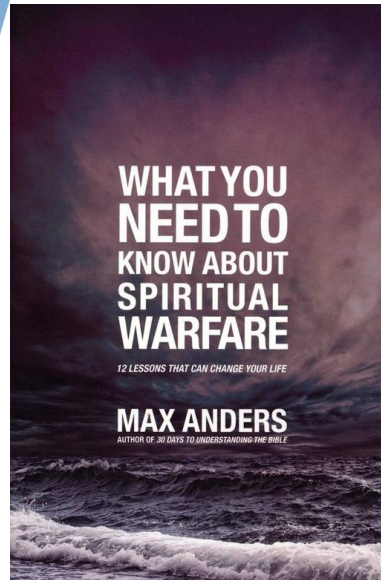
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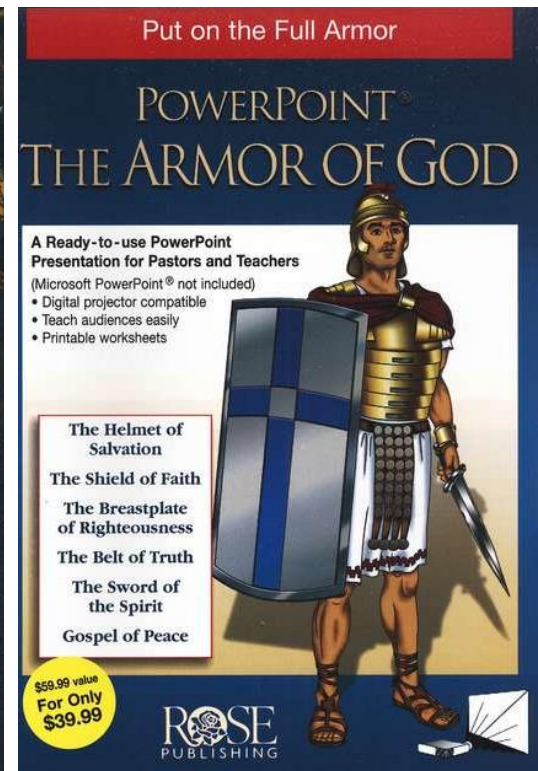
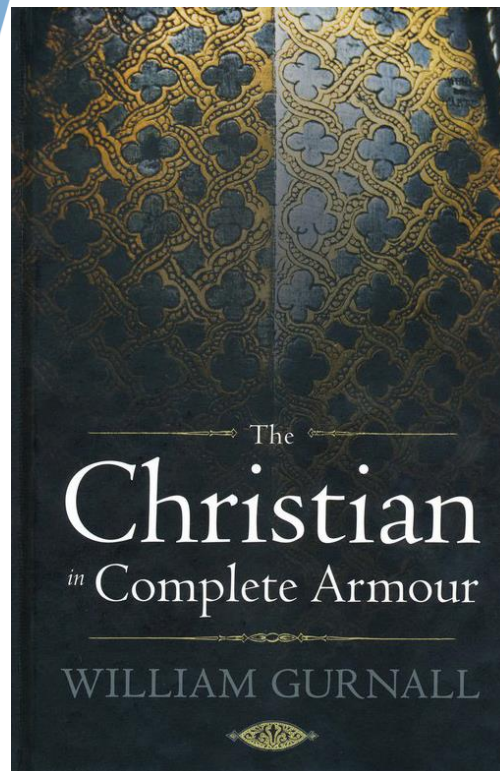


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ARMOR  
of GOD

"PUT ON THE  
FULL  
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- EPHESIANS 6:11



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# SPIRITUAL WARFARE

## ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?



# Course Outline

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# Strategic Planning:

## BE STRONG IN THE LORD

### *Scriptural Context*

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# Main Scriptural Text: The Whole Armor of God

## THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> 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*. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— ... NKJV

# Scriptural Context - Armor Metaphors

## Armor Elements & Spiritual Truth

ELEMENT	RESOURCE	NT REFERENCE
Defensive	Belt	TRUTH
	Breastplate	RIGHTEOUSNESS
	Shoes	GOSPEL OF PEACE
	Shield	FAITH
	Helmet	SALVATION
	Sword	THE SPIRIT
<i>Comms Gear</i>	PRAYING ALWAYS	2 THESSALONIANS 1:11-12

- First Five Armor Elements represent defensive capability
- Sixth Armor Element represents offensive capability
- Seventh Armor Element represents our continued planning, monitoring and control capabilities.
  - Command, Control, Communications & Intelligence [C<sup>3</sup>I]

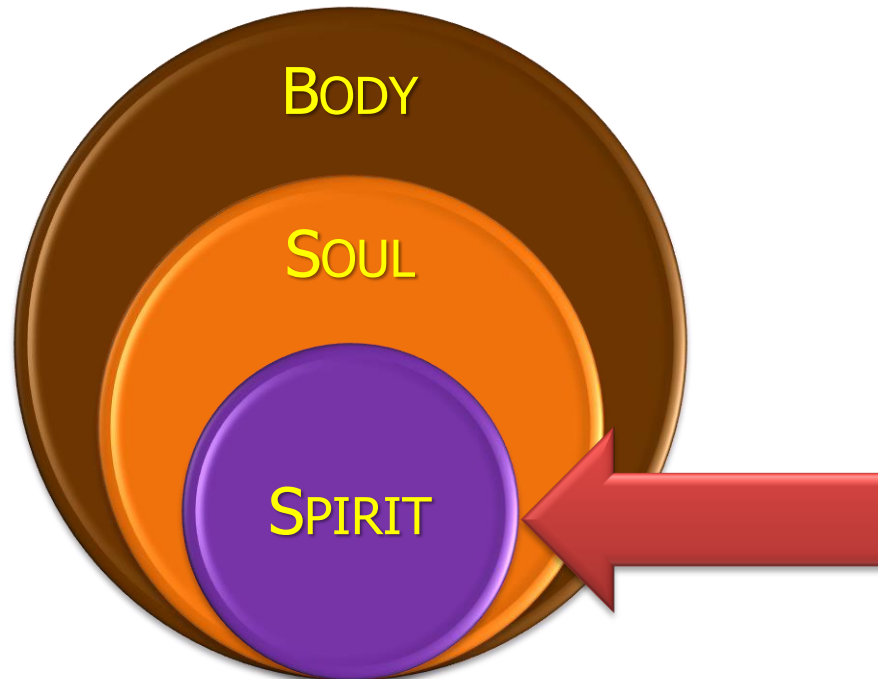


# Spiritual Warfare --- Review

- **Category:** We are Engaged in a Spiritual War

War Item	Spiritual	Carnal	Reference
Weapons	✓		2 Corinthians 10:3-5
Adversary	✓		Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 2:15; 1 Peter 5:8-9
Armor (God's)	✓		Ephesians 6:11,13; John 4:24

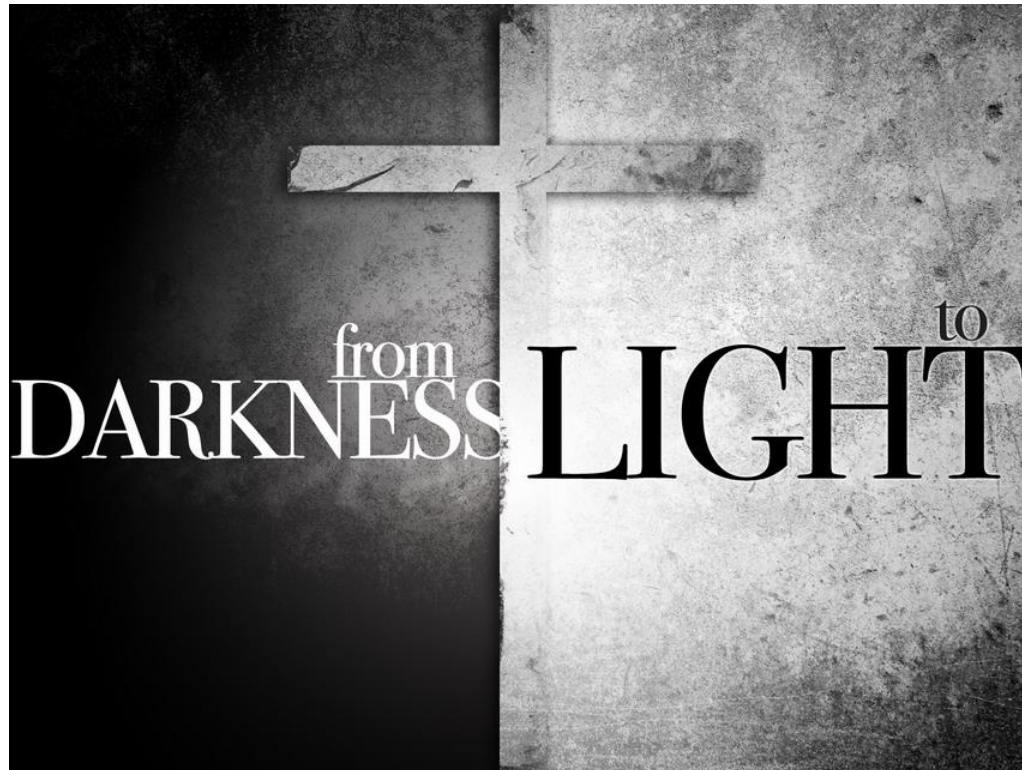
- Nature of Man
  - Tri-Partite



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- **Combatants: Two Kingdoms: Light versus Darkness**

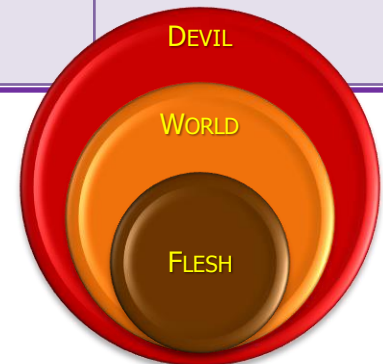
Kingdom	Combatants
LIGHT	Trinity, Holy Angels, Saints of all Ages
DARKNESS	Unholy Trinity, Fallen Angels, Unredeemed



# Spiritual Warfare --- Review

- **Conflict: Three Battle Fronts**

FRONT	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCES
FLESH	<b>THE PERSONAL BATTLE FRONT</b> Our sin nature – inherited from Adam	Romans 8
WORLD	<b>THE SOCIAL BATTLE FRONT</b> Corrupt value system of the world ... Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, & pride of life	1 John 2:15-17
DEVIL	<b>THE SUPERNATURAL BATTLE FRONT</b> Satan and his allies attempt to thwart God's will for you, by using both the <b>Personal</b> (Flesh) and <b>Social</b> (World) <b>Battle Front</b> .	1 Peter 5:5-11



- **Conclusion:** Eternal Bliss *versus* Eternal Torment



# Strategic Planning: BE STRONG IN THE LORD

## *Strategic Planning*

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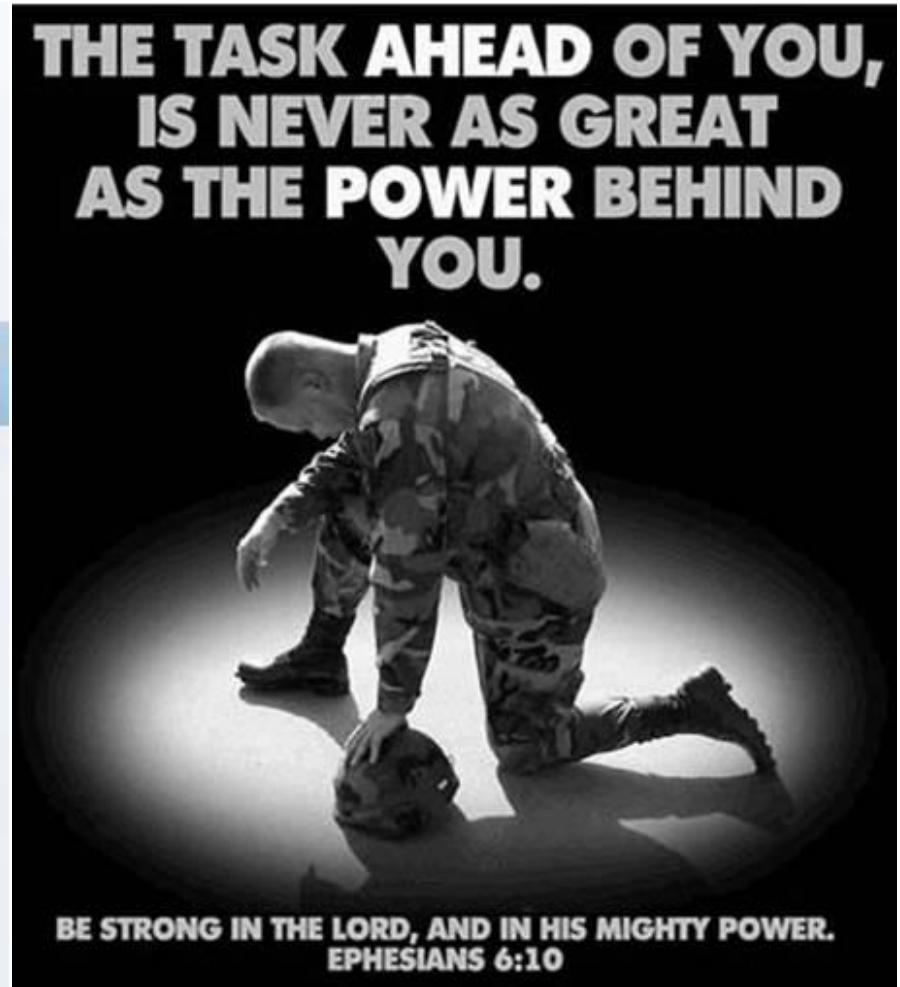
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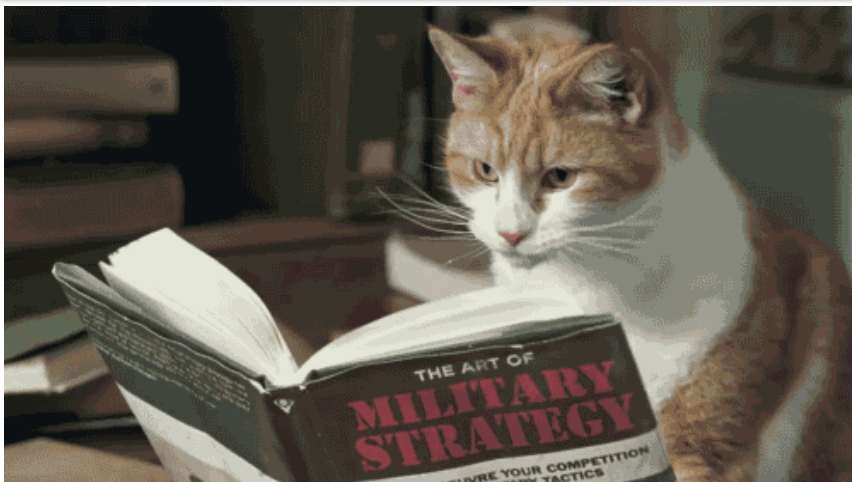
## What is Military Strategy?

**Military strategy** is a set of ideas implemented by military organizations to pursue desired strategic goals.

Derived from the Greek *strategos*, strategy when it appeared in use during the 18th century, was seen in its narrow sense as the "art of the general", 'the art of arrangement' of troops.

**Military strategy** deals with the planning and conduct of campaigns, the movement and disposition of forces, and the deception of the enemy.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military\\_strategy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_strategy)



# Strategic Planning: Our Military Strategy

What is our Military Strategy for victory?

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Source of our Strength

**11** Put on the **whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Weapons of our Warfare

--- Ephesians 6:10-11 ... NKJV

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# Strategic Planning: Source of Our Strength

- Our Battle is a “*super-natural*” battle
  - Outside the realm of the “*natural*”
  - We cannot fight “*super-natural*” battles with “*natural*” strength
  - Natural power has no effect on spiritual things
- Our strategy is to rely on the Power of God

- Not our ...

- Physical Strength
- Intellect
- Wisdom
- Relationships
- Church

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in **the Lord** and in the power of **His might**. --- Ephesians 6:10 ... NKJV

<sup>19</sup> and what *is* the exceeding greatness of **His power** toward us who believe, according to the working of **His mighty power** <sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at **His right hand** in the heavenly *places*, <sup>21</sup> far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. --- Ephesians 1:19-21 ... NKJV

# Strategic Planning: Source of Our Strength

- In Spiritual Warfare ...

- God does the work of God
- Man does the work of man.
- Man cannot do the work of God.
- God will not do the work of man.

Easy to say.  
Hard to do.

- God's work - *Spiritual Warfare* - has to be done God's way.
- Believers learn and employ God's tactics and rely on God and God alone.
  - God communicates His tactics by ...
    - Prayer
    - Reading His Word
    - Worship (John 4:24)

<sup>24</sup> God *is* Spirit, and those who **worship** Him must **worship** in spirit and truth."

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# Strategic Planning: Weapons of our Warfare

- Our Spiritual Weapons are ...

- Provided by God ...

- Fitted and formed for our custom use
  - Unlike David who could not fit into Saul's armor
  - Our armor is a perfect fit

- Commanded by God ...

- To be "Put on" completely (v.11)
- To be "Taken up" completely (v.13)

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# Strategic Planning: Weapons of our Warfare

- Our Spiritual Weapons are ...
  - Effective and Will Prosper
  - Our Enemy's Will Not

**16** "Behold, I have created the blacksmith  
Who blows the coals in the fire,  
Who brings forth an instrument for his work;  
And **I have created the spoiler to destroy.**  
**17** **No weapon formed against you shall prosper,**  
And every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment  
You shall condemn.  
This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD,  
And their righteousness *is* from Me,"  
Says the LORD. --- **Isaiah 54:16-17 ... NKJV**

# Strategic Planning: Weapons of our Warfare

- Our Spiritual Victory is Assured...

**11** Yours, O LORD, *is* the greatness,  
The **power and the glory**,  
The victory and the majesty;  
For all *that is* in heaven and in earth *is Yours*;  
Yours *is* the kingdom, O LORD,  
And You are exalted as head **over all**.  
**12** Both riches and honor *come* from You,  
And You reign **over all**.  
In Your hand ***is* power and might**;  
In Your hand *it is* to make great  
And to give strength to all.

--- 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 ... NKJV

David's Praise to God



# Enemy Tactics: SCHEMES OF THE DEVIL

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