## **Intro to Spiritual Warfare. (Basics)**

- 1. Most warfare takes place in everyday common life without sensational drama.
- 2. Our flesh is our biggest Battleground.
- 3. Renewing our mind happens by studying the Bible.
- 4. Common struggles include pride, lust, gossip, depression, anger, etc.
- 5. Most Christians do not pray privately or publically.
- 6. Most Christians do not study the Bible.
- 7. Most Christians are carnal and justify behaviors.
- 8. Most Christians avoid conflict.
- 9. Most Christians embrace fear, guilt, or shame and do not know who they are in Christ.
- 10. Bitterness and unforgiveness are major strongholds.
- 11. Curiosity with scary movies, preoccupation with death, and role playing games, are considered harmless by most people.
- 12. Speaking sarcastic or critical of authority is commonplace and acceptable.
- 13. Most people settle for spiritual apathy or mediocrity.
- 14. Division can come from well meaning, wounded, hurt unresolved offenses.
- 15. Parents, church leaders, and employers are spiritually responsible to train, prepare and protect those under their care.
- 16. Mental Illness does not automatically = demon possession and visa versa.
- 17. Medication may or may not mask the need for deliverance.

## Misc quotes to ponder:

I had to read this 7 times before it sank in!

"It is Satan's constant effort to misrepresent the character of God, the nature of sin, and the real issues at stake in the great controversy. His sophistry lessens the obligation of the divine law and gives men license to sin. At the same time he causes them to cherish false conceptions of God so that they regard Him with fear and hate rather than with love. The cruelty inherent in his own character is attributed to the Creator; it is embodied in systems of false religion and expressed in modes of so called worship."

"Every source of blessing is a point of attack."

David McGee

"If God declares that all is well, ten thousand devils may declare it to be ill, but we laugh them all to scorn. Blessed be God for a faith which enables us to believe God when the creatures contradict Him."

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon,

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"If you are paralyzed by your past, if Satan is destroying your gifts and your calling by his incessant replaying of old tapes, you're actually being hit by a double whammy. The original damage in the past is one thing - but now you're letting yourself be hurt and sidetracked again by the memory of what happened... We should not be ignorant of Satan's devices, and these ugly memories are one of the main weapons in his arsenal."

— <u>Jim Cymbala</u>, <u>Fresh Faith</u>

"We do well to be reminded that the devil hates a praying leader and a praying church. When we begin to pray, we pick a fight with the devil at a whole new level. Yet, our calling is to be praying menaces to the enemy."

"Although terrifying, the evil ghost will probably pose no real danger to you or your family. On the other hand, if you have a demonic infestation, your entire household is in very real danger. A demonic entity will not usually confront you or induce you to flee the home. Because, unlike the evil ghost, the demon does not actually want you to leave. On the contrary, it wants you to stick around so it can destroy your life and sully your soul from the inside."

"The best things in history are accomplished by people who get tired of being shoved around."

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J.R.R. Tolkien, The Two Towers

<sup>&</sup>quot;Unmasking the intentions of a Satanic character: He cannot be both counselor and tyrant."

<sup>&</sup>quot;We find it difficult to distinguish between spiritual combatants... and their hostages."