

Utilize the authoritative, transformative Word of God in spiritual battle like Jesus did

1. God's Word defends against and attacks our _____ in spiritual battle

Ephesians 6:13-17

Hebrews 4:12

So we're given a weapon that first is to be used upon _____ – a valuable resource for exposing our own "thoughts and attitudes of the heart" before we use it against our enemy

2 Timothy 3:16-17

" . . . when we come to the Word, we need the Spirit to give us insight and understanding. To study the Word academically, even in the original languages, but without reliance on the Holy Spirit, may yield information, but not the power that we need to overcome Satan's schemes. Since the Spirit is the source of the Word, we must rely on Him when we come to the Word."

Stephen J. Cole, *Ephesians*

ARMOR	OUR POSITION IN CHRIST	OUR PRACTICE IN LIFE
Sword of the Spirit	Jesus is the Word of God (John 1:1-5)	We are to know the Word, live it, and proclaim it

2. Jesus _____ for us how to use the Word of God in spiritual battle

Matthew 4:1-10

1 Corinthians 7:5

Realize that Jesus' only tactic to oppose Satan's temptations was what is equally _____ to you – engaging God's Word as a sword against the enemy

“Jesus did not use supernatural powers to defeat the devil in the wilderness, but God's Holy Word – understood, believed and obeyed. This same Word is available to every believer in the battle against the spiritual forces of darkness.”

William F. Cook III, *Spiritual Warfare in the Storyline of Scripture*

EFCA motto – “Where stands it _____?”

<https://davidjeremiah.blog/20-verses-for-taming-temptation/>

3. We prepare for spiritual battle when we embrace God's Word as _____ and _____

1 Thessalonians 2:13

Trinity Core Value

The Bible is God's Story given to transform you and to be the authority in your life

Psalms 119

Now What? Utilize the authoritative, transformative Word of God in spiritual battle like Jesus did