

STRENGTH in WEAKNESS

Truth ~~Defense~~ Offense – How to Fight and Win in Spiritual Warfare

2 Corinthians 10:1-6 (ESV)

¹ I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!—
² I beg of you that when I am present I may not have to show boldness with such confidence as I count on showing against some who suspect us of walking according to the flesh. ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, ⁶ being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

Background:

The best defense is a good _____.

The Offense of Spiritual Warfare (within the church)

Begins with a call to _____ and _____

Identifies the _____

Is effective only when _____

Is a _____ and _____ mission

Continues until _____ and _____ are in submission to the truth

Implications for Pastor/Elder (Shepherds)

_____ and not _____

Battle for _____ sheep not for _____

Put the _____ first

Keep out the _____

Stay the course, and _____

Implications for Laity

Make sure if you are in _____ to the leadership of the church it is because the leadership is in _____.

Make sure the _____ of your life is a faithful representation of the _____.

Plan and prepare to refute wrong _____ with scriptural truth in the _____ and the _____.

Prepare your heart and mind to practice _____ on fellow church members who _____ of God.