



Ephesians 6:17b NIV

and the sword of the
Spirit, which is the
word of God.



Ephesians 6:10-12 NIV

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



I. There Is An Enemy

1 Peter 5:8 NIV

Be alert and of sober mind.
Your enemy the devil prowls
around like a roaring lion
looking for someone to devour.



I. There Is
An Enemy
John 10:10 NIV

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.



I. There Is An Enemy

1 John 3:8 NIV



The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.



I. There Is An Enemy

John 8:44 NIV



You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.



I. There Is
An Enemy
James 4:7 NIV



Submit yourselves, then,
to God. Resist the devil,
and he will flee from you.



II. There Is A Specific Weapon
For Our Spiritual Enemy
2 Corinthians 10:3-4 NIV



3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.



II. There Is A Specific Weapon
For Our Spiritual Enemy
Hebrews 4:12 NIV



For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.



II. There Is A Specific Weapon
For Our Spiritual Enemy
2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV



16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.



III. We Must Become Intimate
With The Weapon
Psalm 119:11 NIV



I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.



III. We Must Become Intimate
With The Weapon
1 Peter 3:15 NIV



But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,



III. We Must Become Intimate With The Weapon

Matthew 21:15-16 NIV



15 But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

16 “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him.

“Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read,
“ ‘From the lips of children and infants
you, Lord, have called forth your praise’?””



III. We Must Become Intimate With The Weapon Psalm 8:2 NIV



Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.



III. We Must Become Intimate With The Weapon

Matthew 22:29-31 NIV



29 Jesus replied, “You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. 30 At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.

31 But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, 32 ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”



III. We Must Become Intimate With The Weapon Luke 20:41-44 NIV



41 Then Jesus said to them, “Why is it said that the Messiah is the son of David? 42 David himself declares in the Book of Psalms:

“ ‘The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

43 until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet.” ’

44 David calls him ‘Lord.’ How then can he be his son?”



III. We Must Become Intimate
With The Weapon
2 Timothy 2:15 NIV



Do your best to present yourself
to God as one approved, a
worker who does not need to be
ashamed and who correctly
handles the word of truth.