

Spiritual Warfare in Forgiving

A. Weapons of Unforgiveness

1. Strategic

a. satan's deceptions (wiles).

- satan comes to kill, steal and destroy. John 10:10
- satan comes like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. 1 Pet 5:8
- Unforgiveness derails our prayers and healing. Mark 11:26

b. Sin's deceptions.

- Pride – only by pride comes contention. Prov 13:10; Jam 4:1-3
- Bitter envying, strife and division in your heart. Jam 3:15-16; 1 Cor 3:3
- Self-righteousness – better than others. Phil 2:3
- Unmet expectations can produce disappointment. Matt 12:46-48

2. Tactical

a. satan's accusations (his only weapon is deception).

- Points out faults. Rev 12:10
- Assigns evil motivations and intent. Eph 4:31
- Gives reasons to avoid them.

b. satan creates a stronghold of thoughts.

2 Cor 10:3-5

B. Weapons of Forgiveness

1. Strategic

a. Love expressed in forgiveness.

- Love God, love others. Matt 22:37-39
- Forgive to receive forgiveness. Matt 6:12
- Faith works by love. Gal 5:6

b. Heart perspectives.

- We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against the demonic. Eph 6:12
- We are here to serve God and serve others. Mark 10:43-45
- We are accepted in Christ, not based on others opinions/actions. Eph 1:6

2. Tactical

a. Be aware of any offense.

- Check after every interaction (in person, phone, TV, print media, etc.) for offense.
 - If you detect rejection or offense, then Confess Repent Renounce Break (CRRB).
 - If you detect losing your Joy, Peace or Patience, then CRRB.
- Cast down imaginations, bring thoughts into obedience. 2 Cor 10:5

b. Deal with it immediately – delaying only hurts you.

- Forgive as God has forgiven you with a tender heart. Eph 4:32
- Forgive them by faith.
- Act in faith: Love, bless, do good and pray for your enemies. Matt 5:44

C. Implementing Tactical Weapons of Forgiveness

1. Forgiving by Faith

a. Praying the Prayer of Faith.

- Not based on emotions (walk by faith not by sight).
- Not based on who is right or wrong.

Mark 11:24

b. Believe that you have received when you pray.

- Act in agreement with your faith.

- Speak in agreement with your faith.

2. Living forgiveness by faith

a. Once you forgive, then you forget.

- Because you believe that you receive when you pray, then as soon as you forgive, you believe that it is done (i.e., in the spiritual realm, your forgiving is a completed fact).
- Your Faith Action Plan is to act as if it has already been done in the natural realm.
- When God forgives, He forgets and remembers the sins no more (Heb 8:12, 10:17). You should imitate your God and do the same.
- Since by faith you have forgiven and forgotten, then any **remembrance of the event** (i.e., a recurrence of the memory, feeling or emotion) by faith must be treated as an attack, (i.e., as the voice of a demon).

b. What do you do when remembrance of the offense returns?

- Consider each remembrance of the offense as an attack of the evil one trying to get you back into offense.
- Treat each remembrance of the offense as a sin: CRRB it, remind satan that you have already forgiven. Bless the person(s) from your heart.
- Pray: I confess the remembrance of that offense as a sin. In the Name of Jesus, I receive my forgiveness. I repent of that sin and I renounce every demon, devil and evil spirit behind that sin and break every connection to evil because of that sin. Tell satan, "I have already forgiven _____ of that offense and in the name of Jesus, I bless _____ from my heart."
- If it comes back, repeat the prayer; this time increasing the blessing to include their family. Repeat until the remembrance does not come back, increasing the blessing each time. If necessary, include their business, finances, pets, etc. You can add spiritual prayers such as praying that all of their family, friends and neighbors would come to Christ or that the Lord sends laborers of the Harvest to minister to them.