

Three Weapons At Your Disposal

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.” (II Corinthians 10:3-4).

This passage makes three things abundantly clear: 1) there is warfare underway, 2) it involves us, and 3) we have specific weapons with which to fight this war. A weapon is anything you can use that destroys your enemy’s ability to wage war against you. In this context, the definition of a weapon is anything we can use that destroys Satan’s ability to wage war against us.

Weapon #1 - Forgiveness: When we forgive, we destroy Satan’s ability to wage war against us through anger, bitterness and resentment. God expects us to have the same attitude towards those who hurt us as He had towards those who crucified Him.

Weapon #2 - Generosity: When we are generous, we destroy the enemy’s ability to wage war against us through the love of money and the deceitfulness of riches. Satan’s unrelenting strategy against us here is simple: to lie to us & lead us into the trap of believing that money is the answer to our problems. When we become overly focused on money, we can come dangerously close to loving it, depending on it and placing our security and trust in how much of it we possess. The weapon of generosity is wielded by a spirit of freedom with regards to money.

Weapon #3 - A Clear Conscience: When we have a clear conscience, Satan’s ability to wage war against us through guilt, shame, embarrassment, humiliation, and a sense of inferiority are all destroyed. When we have a clear conscience, we can stand in the presence of Christ knowing that all of the accusations that the devil can throw at us, whether they are true or not, have been resolved and covered by the blood of Jesus. The keys necessary to be able to engage in this battle with a clear conscience are: a) humility, b) confession, and c) repentance. Humility defines our posture before God. Confession speaks to our self-examination and honesty with our sin. Repentance is the action of turning from that sin and pursuing holiness.

P2R (Point 2 Remember): You will never arrive at a place of spiritual significance through the enjoyment of a picnic; it’s always through the fierce conflicts of the battlefield.