SPIRITUAL WARFARE

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-6

Overview

Becoming A Warrior
The First Line Of Defense
The Mission



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SECTONI BECOMINGA MARROR

Exodus 15:3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.

Warrior Attributes

1. Soldiers are drafted but warriors enlist

- 2. Warriors do not quit until the objective is achieved even when it looks hopeless.
- 3. Warriors go above and beyond the minimum and usually become martyrs for their causes
- 4. A Warrior uses strategies and tactics to overcome his opponent and achieve victory
- 5. A warrior is either in battle, reviewing the previous battle, or training for the next battle.
- 6. A warrior is single minded on the objective and removes anything that could compromise the mission.

Matthew 10:22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

SECTON2 THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

The first line of defense is selfcontrol or self dominion

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The Principle of Security The provision and maintenance of an operating environment that affords the necessary freedom of action, when and where required, to achieve objectives.

Proverbs 25:28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Probing Attack An assault by an enemy with the objective not to inflict damage but to measure and assess the opponents weaknesses, how they respond and response time

James 1:12-15

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

How does one gain self control or build one's defense?

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Submission

James 4:7

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

Matthew 8:5-10

And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

Centurion Analysis

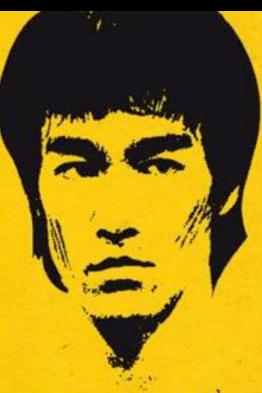
- 1. The person with the greatest faith was a soldier who understood authority
- 2. He realized that because I am submitted to a greater authority that empowers me, my soldiers submit to me and obey me.
- 3. The greater the submission the greater the authority.
- 4. Our authority and exercising of faith is directly related to how submitted we are in Christ.
- 5. If we won't listen to God what makes us think the devils will listen to us?

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power (Authority) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

SECTION 3 THE MISSION

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The Principle of Objective **Direct every military operation** toward a clearly defined, decisive and attainable objective. The ultimate military purpose of war is the destruction of the enemy's ability to fight and will to fight.



MAKE AT LEAST ONE DEFINITE MOVE DAILY TOWARD

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Objective Construction 1. Objectives should be measurable and quantitative (I'm going to memorize two verses) 2. Objectives should be attainable and doable. They should be beyond our average but not beyond our reach. 3. They should always align or feed into God's primary objective of reaching the lost and fighting our adversary 4. They should help us find, follow, and fulfill God's personal call on our lives.

Unity of Command For every objective, seek unity of command and unity of effort. At all levels of war, employment of military forces in a manner that masses combat power toward a common objective requires unity of command and unity of effort. Unity of command means that all the forces are under one responsible commander. It requires a single commander with the requisite authority to direct all forces in pursuit of a unified purpose.

Economy of Force Employ all combat power available in the most effective way possible; allocate minimum essential combat power to secondary efforts. Economy of force is the judicious employment and distribution of forces. No part of the force should ever be left without purpose. The allocation of available combat power to such tasks as limited attacks, defense, delays, deception, or even retrograde operations is measured in order to achieve mass elsewhere at the decisive point and time on the battlefield.

What is the church's objective corporately?

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

What is Satan's objective corporately?

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

All of Satan's objectives is to in someway prevent us from fulfilling ours. His primary way of doing this is called sin.

Harmatia It is the Greek word for sin. It literally means to miss the mark

Galatians 5:16-17 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

2 Timothy 2:3-4 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

Distractions 1. Social Media 2. Entertainment 3. Hobbies 4. Family 5. Relationships/ Marriage 6. Work / School

In warfare distraction is deception.

Sultan Baybars During the Crusades, in 1271, Sultan Baybars successfully captured the formidable Krak des Chevaliers by handing the besieged knights a letter, supposedly from their commander, ordering them to surrender. It was, of course, faked, but the knights duly capitulated.

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Strongholds

1. Imaginations 2. Anything that exalts itself against or contradicts Godly knowledge 3. Thoughts

Taking The City

1. Identifying the Strong man / Sin

- 2. Select targets most affected by the sin or that perpetuates the sin and develop a campaign strategy for evangelistic attack (neighborhoods and businesses)
- 3. Coordinate with other believers in the local fellowship and other church's to focus on the targets

4. Bombard with prayer

5. Consistently attack the area evangelistically with small groups, praying for the sick or those in need and hosting larger services (battles) to engage the adversary.

6. Saturate the target thoroughly until all have heard.