



Fighting and Winning Spiritual Battles - Using Prayer for Defeating Satan and Winning Souls - Skit / Lesson By Karen Sue Nyquist

2 Parts - New Christian and Mature Christian

- 1. What in the world is going on? Things seem to be getting worse and worse! Do you know what's going on?** - Yes, I do. There is a huge spiritual war going on around us. Satan and his demons are attacking you, your family, your workplace, even your children's school. His intent is to steal, kill, and destroy. Jesus said, "The thief (*Satan*) does not come except to **steal**, and to **kill**, and to **destroy**. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly" (John 10:10).
- 2. What is Satan trying to steal, kill, and destroy?** - Satan is fighting to destroy America's Christian foundation, her churches, her Christian relationship with Jesus and her god-given destiny. His goal is to steal our constitutional rights and our liberty and our individual freedoms. He has already stolen the Bible, prayer, even the name of Jesus from most of our public places. Next, he wants to kill the church and as many souls as he can and bring them all to hell.
- 3. Wait! What is America's god-given destiny?** - America has been called to evangelize the world. To be a light in the darkness. Satan is fighting to destroy that. What can we do? We can fight! We must fight! This is a spiritual war. America needs a revival. God's telling you, telling all of us to evangelize and be a soul-winner! **Who? Me? Wait . . .**
- 4. What is a spiritual war?** God tells us this war is like a wrestling match with Satan and his different levels of demons. - "For we do not **wrestle** against flesh and blood (*people*), but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against **the rulers of the darkness** of this age, against **spiritual hosts of wickedness** in the heavenly *places*" (Ephesians 6:11-13). God wants us to stand and fight in this "evil day." **How? How do we fight?** God tells us how, in the Bible.
- 5. How can we possibly win against Satan? He's invisible! He's too powerful!**
 - A. Jesus Gives Us Power and Authority** - "But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;" (Acts 1:8).
"I (*Jesus*) **give you the authority** ... over all the power of the enemy (*Satan*), and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19).
 - B. God Promises Us the Victory** - "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 1:57).
- 6. But how do we fight a spiritual war?** - We fight by PRAYING! You look worried, don't worry, be happy! "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by **prayer** and **supplication**, with **thanksgiving**, let your **requests** be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).
"praying always with all (*kinds of*) **prayer** and **supplication in the Spirit**, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication" (Ephesians 6:17).
- 7. Prayer? That's all we got? It sounds dangerous to me!** - No, that's not all we have. The Lord and His angels are with us. "They (*enemies*) will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you. For I *am* with you," says the Lord, "to deliver you." (Jer. 1:19). "The Lord of hosts (*angelic army*) musters The army for battle" (Isaiah 13:4).
- 8. Don't we need some kind of armor? I don't want to be a sitting duck.**
Yes, God has armor for us and tells us to put it on. **What is it?** It's a Righteous Life-style — Satan has difficulty attacking us when we are living according to God's Word. "Put on the

whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil...Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand **in the evil day**, and having done all, to stand.... This armor includes:

- A. Truth** - Stand therefore, having girded your waist with **truth**, (*no lies, no deceit, honesty*)
- B. Righteousness** - having put on the breastplate of **righteousness**, (*no sin or disobedience*)
- C. Gospel of Peace** - shod your feet with the **preparation of the gospel of peace**; (*ready to share the gospel with others, not ready to fight or argue - winning souls defeats Satan*)
- D. Faith** - shield of **faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. (*No matter what Satan or others say, you just hold on to the word of God.*)
“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,” (Jude 1:20).
- E. Salvation** - the helmet of salvation,...” (Ephesians 6:13-17). (*Knowing you are saved, and going to heaven - no need to fear*)

9. I know how to pray over my dinner. But, how do we pray in a spiritual war?

We ask the Holy Spirit to help us pray. “For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” (Romans 8:26). (*speaking in tongues, praying anointed prayers*)

10. OK . . . Don’t we get any weapons to use in this battle? — Yes of course we do.

God has a whole arsenal of weapons we can use in prayer. These are some of them:

- A. Bible** - “... and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God (*Bible*)” (Ephesians 6:17).

Jesus Used the Word of God to Fight Satan (Luke 4:1-13).

“And Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ...’

“And Jesus answered and said to him, ‘It has been said,’” (Luke 4:4,12).

- B. Being On Guard** - “being watchful” (Ephesians 6:17). (*Know what is going on around us.*)

- C. Blood of Jesus** - “and they overcame him (*Satan*) by the **blood of the Lamb...**” (Revelation 12:11).

- D. Your Testimony** - “... and by **the word of their testimony**,” (Revelation 12:11). Use your testimony when witnessing to others. It’s very powerful!

- E. Binding and Loosing** - “**whatever you bind** on earth will be bound in heaven (*backed up by God and His angels*), **whatever you loose** on earth will be loosed in heaven (Matthew 16:19).

- F. Name of Jesus** - “And whatever you do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**” (Colossians 3:17).

- G. Commanding Demons** - “He (*Jesus*) rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “.... **I command you**, come out of him and do not enter him again” (Mark 9:25). Keep commanding them to leave, in Jesus’ name, until they do. Demons can be stubborn and slow to obey.

- H. Prayer combined with Fasting** - However, this kind (*of demon*) does not go out except by **prayer and fasting**” (Matthew 7:21).

- I. Joy of the Lord** - “Do not sorrow, for **the joy of the Lord** is your strength ” (Nehemiah 8:10).

- J. Strength** - “I can do all things through **Christ who strengthens me**” (Philippians 4:13).

- K. Angelic Help** - Ask God for angelic help. “Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?” (Hebrews 1:14).

- L. Praise and Worship** - “*Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, ... To bind their kings (demonic rulers) with chains, And their nobles (principalities) with fetters of iron; To execute on them the written judgment—This honor have all His saints.* (Psalms 149:6-9)

- M. Soul Winning** - Witnessing and winning as many souls as possible. (*Satan really hates that!*)

- 11. Wow! Since we will win, how do I start?** - Let’s go to a prayer meeting then go out and win souls. Woohoo! I Can do that. Let’s go!

THE END - AND THE BEGINNING!