

6. Spiritual Weaponry in the Battle for Purity

God knows that we are in a war and He does not leave his holy people weaponless. He arms us ‘to the teeth’ if we follow his example and instruction.

You cannot and will not win the battle for purity and holiness unless you memorize Scriptures. It takes less than a second to go from seeing temptation to lusting in the heart. We **MUST** have weapons constantly ‘at the ready’, available within a second to counter temptations.

Read the following passages. Note carefully the power of the weaponry.

2 Cor 10:3-4 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.

Jer 23:29 “Is not my word like fire”, declares the Lord, “and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

Heb 4:12 For the Word of God is living 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

Psa 119:9-11 How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Prov 7:1-3 My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

MEMORIZE: Psa 119:9-11

Questions:

1. Read Matt 4:1-11. Four times it states, “It is written...” Who says this phrase, what are the circumstances and what was the intent each time it is said?
2. Do you think that Jesus had these verses already memorized before he was tempted or not?
3. How do you actually use a memorized verse when tempted?
4. Pick one of the verses and answer: What does the verse say? (Paraphrase—Rewrite the verse in your own words.)

5. How can I apply the truth of this verse to my life today?

Discussion: What is the best way to memorize Scripture? How do you keep it once you have memorized it?