

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

HOW TO CONDUCT SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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PART 6A: PROTECTING YOURSELF

Every Christian must know and accept the fact that the Devil and his fallen angels are in an all-out war against the believers in Christ. There is nothing that is sacred or off limits. They hate God with a passion that human beings cannot comprehend, and since they cannot do harm to God and the holy angels, Satan and his followers are taking out their hate on the believers in Christ on earth. **Job 1:12-22, 2:3-10**

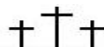
SIFTING

- All believers in Christ will be sifted by the Devil from time to time. This does not necessarily mean that there is a sin problem. We need to remember that when the Devil afflicts us, his goal is to make us so angry that we end up cursing God. Therefore, our goal should not be to cave in to the Devil's pressure, but praise God all the more. Job was not sifted because he was a sinful man, but because he was a righteous man. **Job 1:1, 2:3**
- The Apostle Peter was fellowshiping with Jesus on a daily basis and had no intention to deny Jesus, yet he caved in when the Devil put pressure on him. **Luke 22:31-34; 55-62**
- There is nothing you can do to prevent from being sifted by the Devil. Therefore, we need to pray and prepare ourselves to stand, and having stood, to keep on standing!*** 1 Corinthians 10:12-13; Galatians 2:20; Revelation 2:8-11

CLOSING ALL THE DOORS

VERTICAL CLEARING (RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD)

- The first step is to make sure that we are lined up with God and His word. If we are not lined up with God, the Devil will have the legal right to roll right over us. **Deuteronomy 28:1-15**
- Since all Christians still carry a body of sin, it will be impossible to live a sinless life on this earth, but we can deal with sin on a moment by moment basis using discernment, acknowledgement and repentance. There is a big difference with living in sin as opposed to falling into sin. **1 John 1:4-10**
- When we are aware that every action will have a consequence, our attitudes and thinking will either get us in or out of trouble. Spiritual sloppiness is deadly! **Galatians 6:7-9; Colossians 2:12-15**



HORIZONTAL CLEARING (RELATIONSHIP WITH PEOPLE)

- ❑ The second step is to make sure that we are clear with other people, both saved and unsaved. **Matthew 5:21-26, 6:14-15**
- ❑ *If you have a vertical or horizontal problem, don't expect to have great answers to your prayers.*

HOW TO CHECK YOUR SPIRITUAL OIL LEVEL

The Apostle Paul gives us detailed instructions on how to check ourselves and see where we are at spiritually.

1. How is your love for God and people? **Galatians 5:14**
2. Are you sniping at other people? **verse 15**
3. Are you walking in the Holy Spirit? **verse 16-18**
4. Are the works of the flesh present in your life? **verses 19-21**
5. Do you have the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life? **verses 22-26**

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?