

The Fight
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Joshua 1:9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” (NLT)

1 Corinthians 9:26 So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I fight to win. I’m not just shadow-boxing or playing around. (TLB)

Ephesians 6:12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. (NLT)

Galatians 5:16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. (NLT)

Romans 7:22 I love to do God’s will so far as my new nature is concerned; 23. but there is something else deep within me, in my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. In my mind I want to be God’s willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin. (TLB)

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1. The battle between

James 4:1 Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you. 2. You want things, but you do not have them. So you are ready to kill and are jealous of other people, but you still cannot get what you want. So you argue and fight. (NCV)

2. The Battle between

Hebrews 12:15 Watch out that no bitterness takes root among you, for as it springs up it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives. (TLB)

Ephesians 4:26 If you are angry, don’t sin by nursing your grudge. Don’t let the sun go down with you still angry—get over it quickly; 27. for when you are angry, you give a mighty foothold to the devil. (TLB)

3. The battle between

2 Corinthians 10:3 We do live in the world, but we do not fight in the same way the world fights. 4. We fight with weapons that are different from those the world uses. Our weapons have power from God... (NCV)

Weapons

1. _____ from God’s Word

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. (NASB)

Ephesians 6:16 In every battle you will need faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan. (TLB)

Ephesians 6:17 Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (NIV)

2. _____ from God’s People

Philippians 1:30 We are in this fight together. (TLB)

Hebrews 10:25 You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other. (NCV)

3. _____ from the Holy Spirit

1 John 4:4 Children, you belong to God, and you have defeated these enemies. God’s Spirit is in you and is more powerful than the one that is in the world. (CEV)

Psalms 44:3 It wasn’t their swords that took the land. It wasn’t their power that gave them victory. But it was your (God) great power and strength. You were with them because you loved them. (NCV)

Ephesians 6:13 So use every piece of God’s armor to resist the enemy whenever he attacks, and when it is all over, you will still be standing up. (TLB)

1 John 5:4 Every child of God can defeat the world, and our faith is what gives us this victory. 5. No one can defeat the world without having faith in Jesus as the Son of God. (CEV)