

Leadership and Spiritual Warfare



Please print these pages and complete them as you go through the eLearning course.

What you will learn:

- Spiritual warfare we encounter as servants in a Kingdom-building ministry
- Spiritual weapons
- Understanding the enemy
- The strategy—Love
- Engaging the battle
 - a. Know the source of your strength
 - b. Know and proclaim the Truth
 - c. Know you are Holy
 - d. Know your lineage
- Preparing for the fight
- Recognizing signs of spiritual warfare

Introduction and Definition

Fill in the blanks or respond to questions as you complete this course.

1. Scripture clearly tells us that _____ is a reality.
2. Our enemy is very real but, through Christ, we have the power to _____.

Creation: Reflecting a Loving God

Fill in the blanks or respond to questions as you complete this course.

1. The book of _____ teaches us about God, His desires towards us, and about Creation itself.
2. God's goodness is reflected in more than just the _____ we see; he also created the unseen—that which is _____.

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Spiritual Weapons

Fill in the blanks or respond to questions as you complete this course.

1. As born again, made-anew creations, we can be fully _____ in the _____.
2. There are spiritual forces that do not want to see God's _____ abound, to see His _____ triumph, or to see His Son _____ among the nations.
3. There are _____ ready to do the Lord's bidding, and often His bidding is to aid our spiritual battles.

Reflection Questions

Describe a time when you faced a spiritual battle and how you handled the situation.

Would you have done anything differently? If so, explain. _____

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Spiritual Weapons (continued)

4. More than this mighty host, our God _____ us for the fight—He does not leave us _____. (The Armor of God—Ephesians 6:10-18)
5. We have “_____” to help in the fight.

Understanding the Enemy

Fill in the blanks or respond to questions as you complete this course.

1. You will undoubtedly face _____ in your efforts to expand the Kingdom of God.
2. Some of these obstacles will be related to—
 - a. Limited _____
 - b. Limited resources
 - c. Limited _____ to do certain things
 - d. _____ who seek to stop us, limit us, or challenge us in our service
3. In Ephesians 6:12, Paul reminds us “For our _____ is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the _____ of evil in the heavenly realms.”
4. The battle is _____, and we must _____.

The Strategy—Love

Fill in the blanks or respond to questions as you complete this course.

1. Jesus highlighted a very simple yet profound “strategy” to engage the world He calls us to evangelize—_____.
 - a. To love _____ above all else.
 - b. To love our _____ as much as we love ourselves.

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Engaging the Battle: Know the Source of Your Strength

Fill in the blanks or respond to questions as you complete this course.

1. The work of OCC seeks, in part, to use the _____ to share the _____.
2. Pray for _____ to strengthen your hands; He'll _____ you for the battle.
3. To engage in spiritual warfare, we not only need our _____ strengthened for the tasks, our _____ need strength, too.
4. _____ Him daily.
5. Get _____ by His mercies.

Engaging the Battle: Know and Proclaim the Truth

Fill in the blanks or respond to questions as you complete this course.

1. Knowing Truth is _____ to victory in spiritual warfare.
2. _____ gives us Truth—believe it and live it!
3. When we _____ the Truth of God, and live it, _____ takes notice.

Engaging the Battle: Know You Are Holy

Fill in the blanks or respond to questions as you complete this course.

1. In Christ, we are _____; the old has no dominion over us.
2. We have the _____ and can respond to the spiritual warfare we face _____.

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Engaging the Battle: Know Your Lineage

Fill in the blanks or respond to questions as you complete this course.

1. We are _____ - _____ with Christ, adopted by royalty, and in the service of our great King.
2. In our spiritual battles, remember—
 - a. _____ we are,
 - b. the power of our _____,
 - c. and the _____ of our calling.
3. Engage the battle knowing you are a _____.
4. By His _____ and with His _____, you are fully equipped to anything He has called you to do!

Are you ready for the fight?

Fill in the blanks or respond to questions as you complete this course.

1. The _____ of the battle is not up to us, but to our _____.
2. We need to be _____ in the fight.

Recognizing Spiritual Warfare

Fill in the blanks or respond to questions as you complete this course.

1. We need to be _____ in order to stay focused and serve well.
2. We must be able to recognize signs of spiritual warfare which can come in many forms, like—
 - a. D _____
 - b. D _____
 - c. F _____
 - d. C _____
 - e. D _____

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Recognizing Spiritual Warfare (continued)

3. If we fail to take up our position in Christ, we can feel _____ and _____.

Reflection Questions

How do you respond when faced with spiritual warfare? _____

What tools are in your arsenal in this battle? _____

Conclusion

Fill in the blanks or respond to questions as you complete this course.

1. We need to—

- _____ on the strength of God.
- _____ God's promises in Scripture.
- _____ the Lord's past faithfulness.
- _____ and _____ on God's Word.

2. God's purpose will _____ and His Kingdom will _____.

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Essential Activities

Essential Activities (below) and Elective Practical Exercises (found on the next page) are ways for you to apply what you are learning in your Leadership Development Program coursework in real time, gaining “on the job” experience as you develop in your leadership role. These activities and exercises help align the tasks you would already be doing as a leader volunteer with what you are learning in the program.

Below you will find a list of Essential Activities to work on with your regional point of contact that relate to this particular course and your overall ministry as an Operation Christmas Child leader volunteer. You should complete each of these activities. On the next page you will find a list of Elective Practical Exercises from which you should, with the guidance of your regional point of contact, choose an additional two to three to complete.

- If you don't already have one, develop your own personal prayer team. Ask family members, friends, co-workers, or people in your church family who will regularly pray for you to join your prayer team. Be sure to send regular prayer updates to your prayer team.
- Make a list of Bible verses that will equip you in spiritual warfare. Commit some of these verses to memory.
- At a team meeting, teach team members something you have learned from this lesson.
- Identify ways you and your team can include prayer in an active way in all your events, team meetings, and trainings—include prayer leading up to the activity but also work it into the agenda.
- Participate in OCC's Quarterly Day of Prayer and invite others to pray for the ministry.

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Elective Practical Exercises

Review the list of possible Elective Practical Exercises below with your regional point of contact and, ***with their guidance***, select two to three exercises to complete as a part of this course based on the time of year, the make-up of your particular Area Team, the goals you have developed for your own ministry and the ministry of your team, etc. You should be prepared to discuss the exercises you complete at your next meeting with your regional point of contact.

- Make a list of the spiritual weapons God has provided. Keep this list handy as a reminder of the tools you have available to you for engaging in spiritual battle.
- In this lesson, you learned how to recognize signs of spiritual warfare. Based on what you learned, identify any spiritual warfare that is currently going on in your life.
- Be vigilant by identifying areas of vulnerability in your life or ministry that the enemy may use to bring spiritual warfare.
- If you don't already do so, set aside time each day to put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18) by spending time in prayer and reading God's Word. Pray Scripture as you put on the armor of God. There is power in speaking God's Word in prayer.
- Keep a journal of how God is at work in your life and of His promises. When you experience difficulties, your journal will serve as a reminder of how God has worked in the past. Remembering how He has been with us before can encourage us in our current difficulties.
- Remember God's faithfulness by sharing with your team members or personal prayer team areas where you have experienced victory over spiritual warfare (as appropriate).