

In the Trenches

Overview: Regardless of which army has the superior weapons or controls the high ground, eventually the battle must come down to trench warfare, street to street, rubber meets the road, hour to hour, personal conflicts in daily living. Strategic Warfare minimizes the battles and lets you choose the battleground. Tactical Warfare occurs after the devil has chosen the battleground.

Review of Strategic versus Tactical Warfare.

1. Strategic Warfare is proactive, praying in advance to create your world with your words to avoid or minimize the conflicts of life. It is living in the Fruit of the Spirit, practicing the Armor of God (Eph 6) & going from glory to glory.
2. Strategic Warfare consists of staying in the KOG by remaining under Grace and includes: 1 Cor 2:16, Ps 19:14, Pro 3:5-6, John 8:31-32, Tithing, your morning and evening prayers (Ps 23, Ps 91, Eph 1 & 3, Col 1), confessing sins, interval USPs, Communion, Secondary Methods of Warfare (Healing).
3. Tactical Warfare is reactive, waiting for challenges and responding with warfare prayers, Mark 11:24, John 14:14, Isa 65:24, signs and wonders, Gifts of the Spirit. It is a response to the devil trying to pull you down.
4. Tactical Warfare prayers for reacting to attacks include Confessing sins, Rapid USPs, Affirmations, Cleansing, Secondary Methods of Healing, etc.

A. The Fortress of Experience.

1. Jam 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; v3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. v4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing
2. Rom 5:3-4 we glory in tribulation knowing that tribulation works patience and patience, experience; and experience, hope:
3. My experience is that the warfare gets easier and easier over the years, as you practice the Word of God and achieve more and more success.
4. The first life-threatening experience is the hardest, but continue to trust in God, for you know He will direct your path (Pro 3:5-6).

B. The Bedrock of Your Fortress (the Anchor to your soul - Heb 6:19).

1. Mark 11:22 Have faith in God.
2. John 12:44 Believe on Jesus.
Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.
1 John 5:5 Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

3. Believe in the Holy Spirit.

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

4. Believe in the Bible as the Word of God.

John 8:31-32 Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

C. Winning the Higher Ground.

1. Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind Your mind is the battle ground. It is the high ground. Who controls the mind controls the body and your physical life.

How do you resist an attack in an area of your mind which has not yet been renewed to the WOG? Counter the attack with Bible words from your heart.

2. Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. v16 Above all, take the shield of faith.

Take your faith back to the bedrock, to the anchors to your soul. Work forward until you can speak words from your heart because they are Bible.

3. 2 Cor 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;

v5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Focus on the Praise Report that this victory is going to make.

4. Readiness to Revenge.

2 Cor 10:6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. When you have identified that attack, go on the counter-offensive.

a. Hit the bully, the thief, the enemy as hard as you can, so that he won't want to do it again.

b. Take your revenge on the enemy so that demons don't even want to be around you.

D. Take Your Medicine.

1. Pro 4:22 For they (the Words of God) are life unto those that find them, and health (**medicine**) to all their flesh.

Pro 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

2. Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

3. John 14:12 He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

4. Jam 3:2-8 Your tongue guides your body. Keep speaking the Word. Pro 18:21, Joshua 1:8, Mk 11:23, Rom 4:17, Mark 16:20, Ps 103:20, Lk 17:6.