

# Prayerwalking



## Taking Your Faith Into The Real World



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## Prayerwalking And Our Enemy

The Bible reveals that we have an enemy. That enemy is Satan and his demons. They are actively seeking the damnation and destruction of lives and cities. They are hateful and determined to wound, hurt, and afflict the lives of people.

**2 Corinthians 2:11** declares that Satan has “devices.” This word refers to schemes and plans. It reveals that Satan has developed schemes and plans to deceive and destroy people and cities. He is a crafty being who makes plans and carries out schemes. Read the following verse for insight into what Satan plans to do.

**Luke 13:16**

**Acts 10:38**

**2 Corinthians 4:4**

**1 Thessalonians 2:18**

**John 8:44**

**Acts 13:10**

## 1 Peter 5:8

In order to disrupt and destroy the schemes of the enemy, you must grow in warfare prayer. Warfare prayer is praying against the enemy's work in the life of a person.

## Mark 1:12

What does Paul say about our warfare (10:3)?

These verses reveal the variety of schemes that Satan has for hurting and ruining lives and cities.

What kind of weapons do we fight with (10:4)?

The only way to defeat him and his schemes is through prayer. By prayerwalking you are standing against the vile schemes of this enemy. You are disrupting his plans. You are destroying his intentions. The reason for this is because of the power of God released through prayer. Satan only yields to the power of God. As you prayerwalk, you can come against and overcome the schemes of the enemy. You can be an instrument of setting individuals and cities free as you prayerwalk.

Read and meditate on **2 Corinthians 10:4-5**. In these verses, Paul provides us with three ways to practice warfare prayer.

*Pray that God will give you discernment and power as you pray. Plead that He will make you into a mighty warrior who will disrupt and destroy the schemes of the enemy. Ask that He will grant you a clean heart and a right spirit.*

## Warfare Prayer 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

(1) **Pray for the destruction of strongholds in a person's life.** A "stronghold" is a sinful thought pattern or behavior that opposes the truth of God in a person's life. It stands as a fortress that defends a person's heart and mind, keeping the truth of God from penetrating. Cry out to God for the destruction of the strongholds that keep people from hearing and receiving the truth.

(2) **Pray for the destruction of the excuses that a person has.** Paul

says that we are to “cast down arguments.” These are the excuses that a person has for rejecting Christ and the truth of His Word. Plead that the person will see how evil and empty the excuses are.

(3) **Pray for the destruction of pride in the person’s life.** Paul also declares that we are to cast down “every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.” This is referring to pride. Ask that the person’s pride will be broken and the person humbled that he or she might hear and receive the Word.

(4) **Pray that Satan will not be able to place thoughts in the person’s mind.** Paul ends verse 5 with this phrase “bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.” Plead that Satan will not be able to plant thoughts into the person’s mind. Pray that His lies will be cut off and that the person will only hear the truth of God.

*Call on God to help you grow in warfare prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to provide you with the wisdom and power for this. Pray that God will create a clean heart and a right spirit within you.*

## **Wisdom Concerning Satan’s Schemes**

### **2 Corinthians 2:11**

### **Methods of Attack Against Individual Christians**

- ◆ Maneuvering into a state of rebellion against authority.
- ◆ Twisting truth into partial lies to confuse and deceive.
- ◆ Inducing doubt as to who Jesus really is.
- ◆ Creating a negative impression of God.
- ◆ Encouraging skepticism as to the reality of God, worship of creation.
- ◆ Encouraging humanistic reasoning, causing man to think he is capable of solving his own problems.
- ◆ Sowing the lie that a certain state of moral excellence must be obtained before God loves and uses the believer.
- ◆ Creating the fearful impression that the cost of turning to God is too high by claiming there are too many desires and pleasures of life that one must hold onto for fulfillment.
- ◆ Instilling fear, that one cannot really live the Christian life and trying to make it hard through temptations and pressures.
- ◆ Frustrating and confusing those ungrounded in doctrine by presenting

many false interpretations of Scripture.

- ◆ Quickly snatching away the preached Word of God from our heart before it takes root.
- ◆ Keeping people in false peace, allowing or even giving prosperity or security so that we are caught up in the cares of this world.
- ◆ Striving to gain strongholds in a person's life through sin.
- ◆ Laboring to use past failures and emotional trauma to hold the person in fear and doubt.

### *Methods Of Attack Against Local Church Congregations*

- ◆ Creating negative perspectives within key circles of people, thus causing a spirit of negativism to spread within the church.
- ◆ Harassing the flock with continual attacks on weak sheep or sheep that are not under the proper spiritual covering for protection.
- ◆ Using the tongue as a tool to cause divisions, discord through gossip, slander, and by passing on half-truths and evil reports.
- ◆ Maneuvering carnal, sinful people into places of leadership in the church.

- ◆ Attacking key leaders through discouragement and circumstantial pressures to remove their influence through default or failure.
- ◆ Magnifying little problems in the church causing a spiritual stress that cannot be pinpointed.
- ◆ Maneuvering fragmented truth into an unbalanced doctrinal emphasis that influences the weaker and new believers, thus causing spiritual instability.
- ◆ Working against the spiritual vision of the church by sending people into the churches who are actually against the vision and who work to destroy the vision, although they sometimes work innocently in total ignorance of what they are doing.

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