

***The Sword of The Spirit:**

Ephesians 6:17b (NKJV) and take the *Sword of *The Spirit, which is The Word of God. Reference; 1Thessalonians 4:4-5

KJV Dictionary Definition: SWORD, n.

1. *Literally; An offensive weapon worn at the side, and used by hand either for thrusting or cutting.*

2. *Figuratively; war and destruction*

God proclaiming war; Isaiah 1:19-20, Rev 2:16, deut 13:15

3. *Figuratively; Vengeance and justice;*

The power of God's wrath and judgment against those who oppose him. Rev.19:15

4. *Figuratively; Emblem of authority and power.*

Symbolizing the authority and power of God's Word. Rev 1:16

5. *Figuratively; War; dissension/division;*

I came not to send peace, but a sword. Luke 12:51-53

6. *Figuratively; Emblem of triumph and protection.*

The Lord--the sword of thy excellence. Deut.33:26-29

***The Spirit-Hebrews strong;** 1) the third person of the triune God, the Holy Spirit, coequal, coeternal with the Father and the Son 1a) being referred to in a way which emphasises his personality and character (the Holy Spirit) 1b) being referred to in a way which emphasises his work and power (the Spirit of Truth)

***The Spirit- Grk Strong:** G2372 G4151 G4157; 1) *breath, 1a) breath (of God)*

1.) *How many different titles of The Holy Spirit can we bring to remembrance from God`s Word?*

**The Sword of The Spirit/The Word of God was God breathed:*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV) ^{16a} All Scripture is given by *inspiration of God, ^band is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**strong's concordance for inspiration; 2315-theopneustos. Definition: God-breathed, inspired by God.*

1.) Where else do we see God breathing into or upon individuals in the bible?

2.) In vs.16b; What is The advantage or profit of The sword of the Spirit/The Word of God?

3.) In vs.17; What is the result in taking advantage of all The Sword of The Spirit/The Word of God offers?

**The Sword of The Spirit/The Word of God directly proceeds forth from God The Father:*

John 15:26 (NKJV) But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, The Holy Spirit of Truth who *proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

**proceed- Strong's Number: G1607; sekporeuomai- to be discharged from, come forth out of, go forth from, go forth out of, issued by/from*

**Everything spoken by The Sword of The Spirit/The Word of God is directed by God and under God`s Authority.*

John 16:13 (NKJV) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for The Holy Spirit will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

**The Sword of The Spirit refers to The Written Word of God and the Spoken Word of God....*

Exodus 24:3-4 (NKJV) ³ So Moses came and told the people all The Words of The LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the LORD has said we will do.” ⁴ And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

1.) What are all the words of The Lord and all the judgements referring to?

Exodus 31:18 (NKJV) And when God had made an end of speaking with Moses on Mount Sinai, He/God gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

1.) How long did God speak to Moses on Mount. Sinai?

2.) What did God do after He was done speaking to Moses?

3.) What are the tablets of The testimony?

2 Peter 1:20-21 (NKJV) ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by The Holy Spirit.

1.) What can we call Prophecy of scripture?

Luke 24:44 (NKJV) ⁴⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.”

References; Exodus 24:3-4, Jeremiah 36:2,

**The Sword of The Spirit/The Word of God is written on all men/womens heart and their conscience bears witness:*

Romans (NKJV) 2:14-15 ¹⁴ for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ **who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their thoughts* accusing or else excusing *them***)

**How we are to receive The Sword of The Spirit/The Word of God:*

James 1:21(NKJV) ^aWherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, ^band **receive with meekness the *engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.**

**Hebrews Strong: engrafted 1) inborn, implanted by nature, implanted by others instruction*

1.) *In vs.21a; What are we instructed to do in preparation to receive The Word of God?*

2.) *In vs.21b; How are we instructed to receive The Word of God?*

2.) *In vs.21c; What is the The Word of God able to do?*

1Thessalonians 2:13 (KJV) For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, **when ye/you received the word of God which ye/you heard of us, ye/you received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, The Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.** Reference; Hebrews 11:6

1.) *How are we instructed to receive The Word of God?*

2.) *What was the proof of The Word being received? Hint- effectually worketh*

**The Sword of The Spirit/The Word of God directly referenced to A Sword:*

Hebrews 4:11-12(NKJV) for The Word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

1.) What Characteristics of a Sword are spoken of in this verse?

2.) What are the things The Sword of The Spirit cuts apart/divides in two?

3.) What does the Sword of The Spirit reveal in the cutting apart/dividing of these things?

**The Sword was the primary defensive weapon for close in, hand to hand battle.it was a two edged weapon-soldiers had to be trained under a skillful leader on how to use the sword as not to injure themselves and how to effectively defeat the enemy.*

**In our battle against our own flesh, The world and satan, we must be trained and skillfully instructed in the use of The Sword of The Spirit under the direction of our Commander and Leader:*

Psalm144:1 (NKJV) Blessed *be* the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle.

2 Samuel 22:35 (NKJV) He/God teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

Psalm 18:39 (NKJV) For You/God have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.

1 Timothy 4:8 (AMP) ⁸ For physical training is of some value (useful for a little), but godliness (spiritual training) is useful and of value in everything and in every way, for it holds promise for the present life and also for the life which is to come.

**Practical application; Daily training in sharpening of The Sword of The Spirit:*

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (AMP) If the axe is dull and he does not sharpen its edge, then he must exert more strength; but wisdom to sharpen the axe helps him succeed with less effort.

Proverbs 27:17AMP As iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens *and influences* another *through interaction and discussion of The Sword of The Spirit*.

**The enemy sharpens their swords to inflict as much damage possible to the righteous.*

Psalm 64:2-4(NKJV) ² Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, From the rebellion of the workers of iniquity,³ Who sharpen their tongue like a sword, And bend *their bows to shoot* their arrows *of bitter words*,⁴ That they may shoot in secret at the blameless; Suddenly they shoot at him and do not fear.

Psalm 37:14 (NKJV) The wicked have drawn the sword and bent their bow To cast down the afflicted and the needy, To slay those who are upright in conduct.

**How we should approach the battle with the enemy:*

Psalm 149:6-9 (NKJV) ⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,⁷ To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples;⁸ To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron;⁹ To execute on them the written judgment; This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

**Skillful execution with the Sword of The Spirit in the battle:*

Psalm 149:67-9 (NKJV) ⁷ To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; ⁸ To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron;⁹ To execute on them the written judgment *The Sword of The Spirit*; This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

Matthew 4:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”

God`s intended purpose of The Sword of The Spirit The Word of God:

Isaiah 55:10-11(NKJV)¹⁰ “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, ¹¹ **So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.**

Deuteronomy 8:3 (NKJV) So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

1.) *Who else in the New Testament spoke these very words? Reference; Matthew 4:4*

2.) *Who were these words spoken to?*

Romans 15:4 (NKJV) ^{4a} For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, ^b that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures ^c might have hope.

1.) *In vs.4a; What does this verse say the scriptures were written for?*

2.) *In vs.4b; What does this verse say we experience through reading and learning the Scriptures?*

3.) *In vs.4c; What is the intended end result in learning the scriptures?*

1 Corinthians 10:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples, and **they were written for our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

1.) *Why were these examples written?*

**Further instruction in The Sword of The Spirit; The word of God:*

2 Timothy 4:2 (NKJV) ^{2a} **Preach the word;** ^b **be instant in season, out of season;**
^c **reprove, rebuke, exhort** ^d**with all long suffering and doctrine.**

1.) In vs.2b; What does it mean to be instant in season, out of season, regarding The Word of God?

2.) In vs.2c; What are the specific instructions given on how we are to preach or wield The Sword of The Spirit?

3.) In vs2d; How are we to carry out these instructions?

Joshua 1:8 (NKJV) ^{8a}**This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it.** ^b**For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.**

1.) In vs8a; What are the 3 instructions given regarding The Word of God?

2.) What is the promise or result of following and carrying out these instructions?

1 Kings 2:3 (NKJV) ³ **And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn;**

Proverbs 4:20-21 (NKJV) ²⁰ My son, give attention to My Words; Incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; ²² For they *are* life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

1.) *How many parts of the body are referred to in this instruction towards God's Word?*

2.) *What does this verse say The Word's of God are to those who find them?*

**Those without The Sword of The Spirit; The Word of God:*

1 Corinthians 2:14 (AMP) But the natural [unbelieving] man does not accept the things [the teachings and revelations] of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness [absurd and illogical] to him; and he is incapable of understanding them, because they are spiritually discerned *and* appreciated, [and he is unqualified to judge spiritual matters].

2 Timothy 3:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

1.) *According to this verse, what do those who do not have knowledge of The Holy Scriptures not able to obtain?*

Matthew 22:29 (NKJV) ²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

John 8:47 (NKJV) ⁴⁷ He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

2 Thessalonians 1:8 (NKJV) ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.